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New cancer support group to be launched

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LOCAL TEENS' STARRING ROLE IN HIGHLIGHTING SEXTING DANGER

Report by **Henry James**

YOUNG people in Lancashire are being warned about the consequences of 'sexting' in a short film starring local teenagers.

Sexting - the sending, receiving, or forwarding of sexually explicit messages, photographs, or images, primarily between mobile phones - can have a significant impact on young victims and young people who share images without understanding the consequences or understanding that it is a criminal offence.

Having discussed this sensitive issue, West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership has commissioned the Artz Centre in Skelmersdale, to produce an educational film aimed at young people.

The end result is *Captured* and the film was officially launched at the Artz Centre where the audience was very impressed with what they saw.

Captured will now tour high schools with the aim of dissuading young people from becoming involved in sexting and the improper use of social media.

The safety partnership has worked with the Artz Centre previously to produce a film called *Crossing the Line,* highlighting the dangers of getting involved in gangs.

Ben Rigby and Molly Waterhouse, two of the young stars at the launch with the Mayor, Councillor Gaynar Owen, chair of West Lancs Community Safety Partnership Heidi McDougall, deputy police commissioner Chris Webb, Chief Inspector Ian Jones, Artz Centre founding director Mark Ashton and the film's creative director Joshua Gwynne.

This has been shown to thousands of pupils in schools across West Lancashire, with plans in place to deliver the resource into schools across the whole of the county.

Continued inside

Appeal for information after two daylight knife attacks in town in less than a week!

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two stabbing incidents in Skelmersdale in less than a week.

In the most recent attack, at about 12.30pm yesterday (Tuesday, July 2) police were called by the ambulance service to a report that a man in his early 50s, had suffered a knife injury to his head on Windrows in the town.

He was taken to hospital where his condition is described as "serious but stable."

The offenders are believed to be a group of around four or five men wearing dark clothing and face coverings.

Detective Sergeant Pete Reil, of Lancashire Police, said: "This was a really serious assault which has left a man with some significant injuries.

Targeted

"While we believe this was a targeted attack and there is no threat to the wider community, we need the public's help to try and identify the offenders.

"This attack was carried out in broad daylight and not far from a school and we simply will not tolerate this level of shocking violence on our streets.

"I would ask anyone with information or anyone who has CCTV or dashcam footage in the area to get in touch."

Anyone with information can contact police on 101 quoting log number 0593 of Tuesday, July 2 or the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Officers are also appealing for witnesses to the ealier incident in which a man was robbed at knife-point in the town, again in broad daylight.

This attack took place at about 3.20pm on Monday, June 24 when a 36-year-old man and a male companion were approached by two other two men near to the dental surgery in Firbeck.

The 36-year-old was threatened by one of the men who was carrying a knife and demanded cash.

The victim handed over £200 and the assailants made off from the scene towards the direction of the Ecumenical Centre.

The offenders are described as white and wearing dark clothing with their faces covered.

Detective Constable Rachael Taylor-Gore, of Skelmersdale CID, said: "We are urging anyone who may have saw what happened to come forward.

"This robbery took place in broad daylight and I believe someone must know who the offenders are."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 01695 566107 or email 1154@lancashire.pnn.police.uk quoting log reference 0987 of June 24.

Alternatively they can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or online at http://socsi.in/8EN84.

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Macmillan to launch new cancer support group in borough

A NEW support group is being launched next week to help anyone affected by cancer across West Lancashire.

The Macmillan Aughton Cancer Support Group is aimed at anyone affected by diseases, either directly or as a carer, colleague, family member or friend, in Aughton, Ormskirk and the surrounding area.

The group will hold its first meeting on Friday, July 12 , from 9.30 to 11.30am, at Christ Church Ministry Centre, Long Lane, Aughton.

It will then meet at Christ Church on the second Friday of every month.

Macmillan's Information and Support Service in West Lancashire is setting up the support group after hosting an open day in Aughton earlier this year, which was attended by more than 60 local people seeking support.

Jodie Taylor, Macmillan's Information and Support Service Assistant in West Lancashire, said: "Sometimes, it can be difficult living with a cancer diagnosis or knowing someone who has.

"Many people often have questions about finances, grants, travel, diet, exercise or they simply just need someone to talk to either as a group or one-to-one with the Macmillan team.

"At Macmillan we know how a diagnosis can affect everything in someone's life. We identified a need for support within Aughton and the surrounding area and are setting up the group to let local people know about the local services and support that is available to them.

"We also want people to know that whatever cancer throws their way, we're right there for them."

Trish Francis, Caroline Flynn and Jodie Taylor, from Macmillan Information and Support Service in West Lancs who are setting up the Macmillan Aughton Cancer Support Group.

For further information about Macmillan Aughton Cancer Support Group phone 01695 656533.

Alternatively, anyone who cannot attend the support group can call into Macmillan's West Lancashire Cancer Information and Support Centre at The Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale. The centre is open from 1 to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, (except Bank Holidays), and no appointments are needed.

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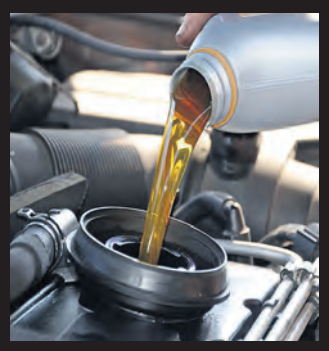

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Rosie Cooper slams healthcare company report

Virgin says borough is benefiting from improved services but MP claims complaints and CQC report tell a different story

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has criticised Virgin Care for releasing a report praising its work in the borough when she says complaints she has received and a Care Quality Commission (CQC) report appear to tell a different story.

The healthcare company's own report into its services says that people in the borough are benefiting from improved community and urgent care services which help them to remain well and avoid unnecessary trips to hospital.

However, Ms Cooper claims her constituents would not recognise the service from the appraisal, judging by the amount of complaints she receives and a recent CQC report which found Skelmersdale's Walk-In-Centre requires improvement.

Virgin Care says its Quality Account is published every year with the purpose of informing patients, staff and the public about the standard of care they can receive, as well as key improvements and future plans to continually improve the quality of care provided.

The company says that highlights of the latest Quality Account include:

- Creating a single point of access for all services (Bickerstaffe House at Ormskirk Hospital) and starting work to develop this into a care co-ordination hub which puts the patient at the centre of services.
- Working with NHS and private providers to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and supporting the emergency services to improve waiting times.
- Supporting and building capacity within the voluntary sector by organising events to create links and help share knowledge and skills.
- Co-locating all specialist services to two central hubs allowing teams to work together and provide a better service to patients.
- Investing in mobile technology for community teams increasing their face-to-face time with service users and allowing them to provide 'real time' information to GPs.
- Supporting the training and development of colleagues.

Michelle Lee: "Improving the quality of care and experience received by service users, carers and families".

Rosie Cooper: "My constituents wouldn't recognise this picture."

Michelle Lee, managing director of West Lancashire Community and Urgent Care Services for Virgin Care, said: "During the last 12 months we have delivered so much, improving the quality of care and experience received by service users, carers and families. Our achievements would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of colleagues and working together with different providers to make a positive difference to the lives of local people."

But Rosie Cooper said: "While it is interesting to see Virgin Care patting themselves on the back, I know that my constituents wouldn't recognise this picture as it is clear from the volume of complaints received to my office, reinforced by the CQC's inspection of Skelmersdale Walk-In Centre finding it to require improvement, that Virgin Care is failing residents of West Lancashire."

The full Quality Account 2018/19 can be found at https://virgincare.co.uk/legal-information/quality-accounts-2019/.

Energy company to submit application to drill in West Lancs

MP warns: "Skelmersdale, Buscough and Ormskirk could be next"

Report by **Kenny Parker**

CAMPAIGNERS opposed to fracking in West Lancashire have said they are prepared for the fight after Aurora Energy Resources confirmed it will be submitting an application to Lancashire County Council to drill a well site at Altcar Moss - and MP Rosie Cooper has warned Skelmersdale, Burscough and Ormskirk could be next!

Aurora is proposing to drill, hydraulically fracture and test two exploratory boreholes on the Moss to evaluate the potential to produce hydrocarbons from deeply buried Carboniferous-age rocks.

The energy company was originally meant to have submitted a planning application by last September but was granted an extension by the Oil and Gas Authority. It has not said when the application will be submitted though it must be done by September this year. Once validated by the county council, the application will be open for public consultation.

Moss Alliance, made up of groups opposed to fracking at Altcar Moss, has said it has been expecting the application and has the resources to oppose it. West Lancs MP Rose Cooper has also given her support for the anti-fracking campaign.

Ian Roche, managing director of Aurora Energy Resources, said: "The Altcar Moss project looks to open a new chapter in the hydrocarbon story of West Lancashire.

"If successful, the development of a significant new indigenous energy resource would provide an important contribution to both the regional and national economies through the growth in high-skilled jobs, supply chain opportunities, and tax and business rate receipts.

"The recent Committee for Climate Change report recognised that natural gas will continue to play an important role in UK energy supply beyond 2050. The UK must maximise production of our own resources, including natural gas from shale, to reduce our increasing dependency on expensive imports, which is currently set to reach 70% of UK demand by 2030."

Altcar Moss where Aurora Energy Resources plan to frack for shale gas.

Maureen Mills, West Lancs borough councillor for Halsall, chairwoman of Halsall Against Fracking and member of Moss Alliance, said: "We were expecting their planning application and we have positioned ourselves well in terms of raising funds for expert advice and we have long prepared ourselves by way of our own research towards this day."

John Wilkinson of Frack Free Formby and fellow member of Moss Alliance, said: "Aurora's licence obligations for Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence (PEDL)164 were amended last November (for the fifth time) and the area of the PEDL was split into two parts. Aurora's obligation regarding the Altcar Moss site is to submit a planning application by the end of September 2019 and drill at least one well there within the ensuing 12 months."

Meanwhile, West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper said: "I have been absolutely clear from the outset that I oppose all plans to frack in this country and like many residents, I am very concerned by Aurora's plans to frack here in Altcar, West Lancashire.

"I have contacted Lancashire County Council, the Environment Agency and Public Health England to raise my concerns over the impact fracking would have on my constituents in West Lancashire and I continue to work closely with local anti-fracking groups.

"As part of the campaign, I have previously invited Shadow Secretary Barry Gardiner MP to join me on site in Altcar to consider the many, many concerns about fracking and hear directly from residents of West Lancashire.

"This is the tip of the iceberg – if Altcar is agreed, Ormskirk, Burscough or Skelmersdale could be next."

Local teens star in Artz Centre film warning of the dangers of sexting

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Heidi McDougall, chair of West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, said: "The Artz Centre has once again scripted and produced a brilliant educational drama, with a cast of talented young people. *Captured* will encourage young people to make more informed decisions when using social media, sharing images and in understanding the importance of healthy relationships.

"We are very grateful to Mark Ashton and his talented team at The Artz Centre and we are also grateful for the support from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw and his team in supporting the development of the film, which will be made available to every community safety partnership in Lancashire."

Clive Grunshaw added: "I was really pleased to provide funding through the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership towards the development of *Captured* and the hard work from everyone involved in the project will play a vital role in highlighting the issue of sexting and the consequences of sharing images."

Funding boost for Ark project

STAFF at Skelmersdale-based community interest company West Lancs Ark are pleased to announce that they have received funding from the Duchy of Lancaster to run a new project for ex-servicemen and women.

The project will run for six months and will be open on Friday mornings at the Ecumenical Centre in Northway.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the project is welcome to just call in. No appointments are necessary.

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WhatsApp is good for you, says Edge Hill academic!

AN academic at Edge Hill University says that spending time on social media, specifically WhatsApp, is good for our wellbeing.

Dr Linda Kaye, a senior lecturer in psychology found that the text-based messaging app, which offers users group chat functions, has a positive impact on psychological wellbeing.

The research found that the more time people spent on WhatsApp per day, the less lonely they were and the higher their self-esteem as a result of feeling closer to friends and family.

Dr Kaye said: "There's lots of debate about whether spending time on social media is bad for our well-being but we've found it might not be as bad as we think. The more time people spent on WhatsApp, the more this related to them feeling close to their friends and family and they perceived these relationships to be good quality.

"As well as this, the more closely bonded these friendships were and the more people felt affiliated with their WhatsApp groups, the more this was related positively to their self-esteem and social competence.

"Group affiliation also meant that WhatsApp users were less lonely. It seems that using WhatsApp to connect with our close friends is favourable for aspects of our well-being."

The research of 200 users, 158 women and 41 men with an average age of 24, found that the average reported daily use of WhatsApp was around 55 minutes, with people using it because of its popularity and group chat function.

The research was carried out by Dr Kaye along with Dr Sally Quinn from the University of York.

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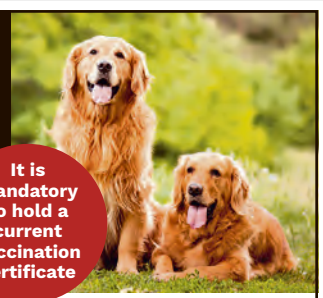

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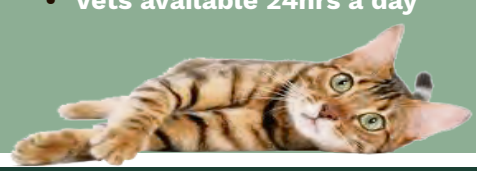

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County Poppy appeal nears £1million mark in record-breaking year

THE Royal British Legion has reported a record-breaking year for donations to its Lancashire Poppy Appeal, with nearly £200,000 more being given this year than last.

And the legion is now appealing for help to smash the £1million mark.

As the nation commemorates the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings the amount raised by the Poppy Appeal in Lancashire stands at £959,493 compared to £759,629 in the previous year.

This total is more than the appeal has ever raised and leaves it just over £40k away from a million. Nationally the charity has received £50,355,718 which is also the highest-ever national total.

This year's Lancashire Poppy Appeal is nearing the magical £1million mark.

Determination

The Royal British Legion says it would like to thank the people of Lancashire for their continued support, hard work and determination in achieving the record sum.

Alan Whitmore, community fundraiser for Lancashire for the Royal British Legion, said: "Every donation received will make a real difference to the lives of servicemen and women, veterans and their loved ones.

"We're now only one step from a magical million in Lancashire to help continue our vital work delivering practical, through life care and support to the Armed Forces community in your county and on your doorstep."

The Poppy Appeal funds the welfare work of the Royal British Legion supporting members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families from when they leave the services and throughout their lives.

The legion uses donations to offer support in many ways including providing crisis grants, researching the impact of blast injuries on the body, lobbying the Government on key issues, and advising on benefits and money problems.

In the last year the charity says it has answered more than 780,000 requests for help nationally.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can send a cheque, payable to Lancashire Poppy Appeal, to Lancashire Poppy Appeal, The Royal British Legion, Victoria Buildings, 1-7 Princess Street, Manchester M2 4DF. For details of how to make a direct payment email awhitmore@britishlegion.org.uk.

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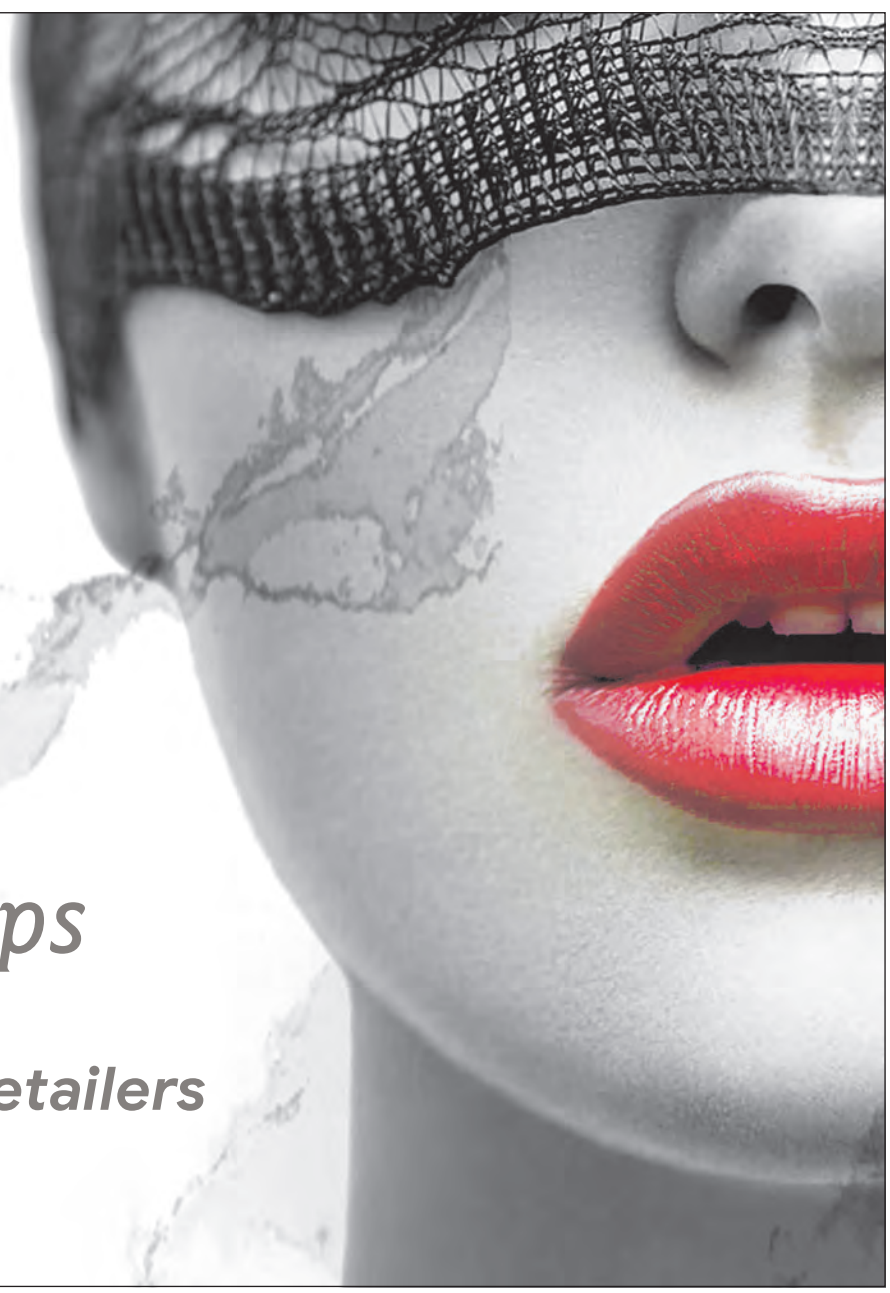

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Pals tackle daring challenge to fund snakebite antidote!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Quartet to brave wing walk in aid of African village orphans project

A DAREDEVIL mum and three friends are preparing to take to the skies for a fundraiser with a difference.

Julie Woods from Burscough will undertake a sponsored 'wing walk' next month to raise money for a laboratory in Ghana to make snakebite antidotes!

The 46-year-old, along with pals Mark Cheetham and Rebecca MacVicar, and Ashlea Allan, a teaching assistant at West Lancashire College in Skelmersdale, is set to do the 'walk' - which involves standing (securely) on the wing of a plane while it takes off - at an airfield in Cirencester, Gloucestershire on Saturday, July 13.

They hope to raise £7,000 in aid of not-for-profit organisation One Little Village which Julie set up with brothers Mike and Charles Asomoah whom she met while working in Manchester.

Their aim initially was to build a new orphanage in the brothers' home village of Asekesu in Ghana. However, following a visit to the village it became apparent that many of the children became orphans because their parents were dying from snake bites so it was decided to direct their efforts instead towards funding a lab for the production of antidotes to the venom!

Now the friends hope to hit their £7,000 target to kick-start the first phase of the laboratory. They have already been given land and have the support of the Ghanaian Government who will be supplying technical staff.

Julie, 46, said: "We went to the village with a view to fundraising to build a better orphanage as the present situation is terrible with kids queuing up to get in!

Painful

"But after spending some time there we thought it would be better to build a laboratory instead. The problem is that farmers and the very poor people are bitten by snakes and when they get to the clinics, there are no antidotes and they die a slow, painful death leaving their children orphans.

"Instead of building an orphanage which might only accommodate 50 children at a time, we believed getting the antidotes made and shipped out to the clinics would deal with the root of the problem rather than the aftermath."

Since One Little Village started up in 2017, Julie says the support of people in West Lancs and local schools has been overwhelming and they have just sent out their third shipping container filled with donated items.

They are now preparing a fourth container and are appealing for donations of children's used school items such as shoes, pumps, school bags, sandwich boxes and pencil cases.

Local couple Carl and Sophie Burgess have donated a moped to help Julie get about in Ghana, while another friend Nick Wilson has gifted a tracking device that will update her movements to the One Little Village website.

To donate to the wing walk or to contribute to the school items appeal, contact Julie through the Facebook page One Little Village; by email at juliewoods709@gmail.com or by phone on 07741 261 094.

Off-road bike seized

AN off-road bike has been taken off the streets by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and Response Team 2 officers.

The vehicle (pictured) was seized on Daniels Lane in Digmoor and "positive action" has been taken against the rider.

Anyone with information about off-road bikes (names, storage locations etc.) around Skelmersdale, can email their local neighbourhood team in confidence at 7786@lancashire.pnn.police.uk; by ringing 101 or via the link - http://socsi.in/E55h2.

The Artz Junior Drama Academy cast with director Mark Ashton (centre).

Artz Centre kick-starts summer season with sell-out 84th production

THE Artz Centre has kick-started its summer season of events with its 84th production since opening its doors in January 2014.

MTI's Aladdin Jr, presented by the Artz Junior Drama Academy was a great success, with sell-out audiences at all four of its performances in the Lathom High School Arts Theatre.

The production saw some 58 local youngsters, aged just between seven and 11 take to the stage to retell the classic story of the 'Diamond in the Rough' backed up by a team of professional directors, theatre technicians, costume-makers, hair and make-up artists, sound and lighting designers, backstage staff, and more.

The production also celebrated some milestone markers for a collection of Artz Students, with 11 local young people achieving their Artz 'Chapter 1' awards for treading the boards for the first time in an Artz production.

And one youngster, Emily Britton, achieved her prestigious Artz 'Chapter 15' award, for her 15th appearance in an Artz production.

Quality performance

Director, Mark Ashton, founding director of the Artz Centre, praised the professionalism of the young people involved in the production.

He said: "When you see what these young people are capable of achieving when they take to the stage, it's easy to forget that they are only in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 at school. Our students really do produce a quality of performance that is second-to-none for their age group.

"With this production of Aladdin, we have not only created lasting memories and learning opportunities for 58 local youngsters, but for the 540-plus audience members who turned out to watch across the four performances.

"It just goes to show what can be accomplished with a strong team and brilliant bunch of young people when you simply aim high and work hard."

The production was the first of four events to be staged by the Artz Centre over the next six weeks.

Coming soon, the Artz Senior Drama Academy will take to the stage with their presentation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Cats, and the Artz Dance Academy will present their biggest Dance Show yet.

For details of upcoming productions visit Artz Centre at www.ticketsource.co.uk.

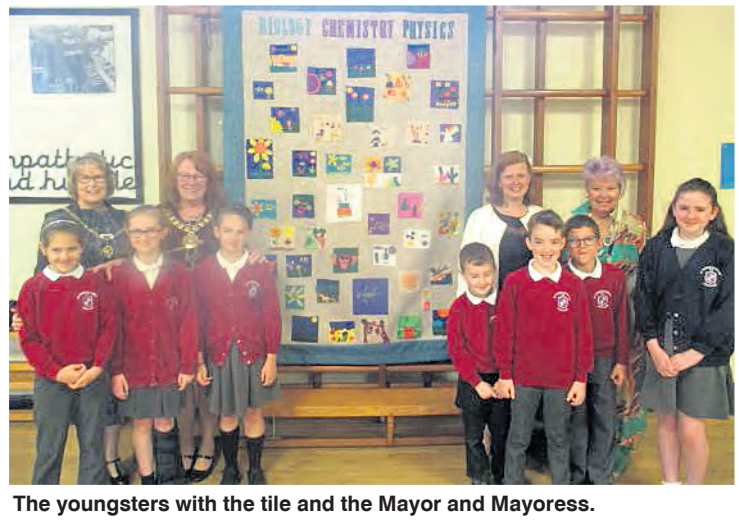
Primary pupils' science project 'brought to life'

AS part of Science Week and community outreach at St Thomas The Martyr CE Primary School in Up Holland, pupils had the opportunity to design their own science-themed tile, which would be brought to life with the aid of the Up Holland Co-Op and the Sewing Rooms.

The children worked "tirelessly and with great resilience" to create their tiles with the help and support of Laura and her team.

The Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen, and Mayoress, Lisa Packer, then helped reveal the completed banner and congratulated the children on their hard work at a special assembly at the school in Highgate Road.

Science subject leader, Mr Purcell, commented: "It's a great banner which will support the learning of science across our school for years to come. We look forward to working closely with more community projects in the future."



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Norwegian visitors bring an international flavour to annual girls football tournament

TEAMS came from all over the UK, and as far afield as Norway, to compete at the 12th annual Skem Athletic Women's and Girl's Football Tournament, held at the Blaguegate field in Skelmersdale.

The weather was glorious and more than 4,000 people attended over the weekend.

The event is one of the biggest of its kind in the UK, and champions both women's and girl's football each year, while raising money for charities such as the NSPCC and CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

This year, the Skem Athletic tournament welcomed 108 football teams across nine age categories across two days, from an under-9s age group right up to the open women's section.

This year also saw the tournament's first international entry, welcoming Lillehammer under-14s from Norway.

Sky Sports were also present at the event and broadcast live throughout the day. Former Skem Athletic players Maz Pacheco (Reading and England) and Molly Green (Man Utd and England) were special guests.

Tournament organiser, Michael Vella, said: "This event takes 10 months to put together. It is organised by a small bunch of volunteers who give up their spare time to put this on. Can I personally thank them all for what we have been able to achieve. It is amazing.

Organiser Mike Vella (3rd left back row) and some of the volunteers who helped to make the tournament a success again.

"We are totally self-funded and all money we raise goes to CRY to enable youngsters to have free heart screenings in our community. This was our 12th event. We are looking forward to the next one."

Artz Centre staff and students also volunteered their services at the event. A spokesperson from the Artz Centre commented: "Over the years, the annual Skem Athletic football tournament has become an event of great importance to our local people, and not just to our local young female footballers.

"It is a grassroots, community-led, event of magnitude proportions that brings girls and women together from all over the country, through one shared passion, and it happens here in our hometown. And of that we are immensely proud.

"At the Artz Centre, we are delighted to do our bit each year in supporting this brilliant local cause - from BBQ-ing, to pitch marshalling, selling ice creams to litter-picking, we do our bit.

"And despite it being an event of a very different nature to our usual calendar, the community spirit and positive atmosphere of shared ethos is so very similar to what we promote at the Artz Centre."

Charity teams up with golf society to stage second fundraising ball

THE Birchwood Centre charity in Skelmersdale will be hosting their second Charity Ball in association with Swingers Golfing Society at Hurlston Hall, Golf Club, Scarisbrick on Friday, July 19.

The evening promises to be a night of great food and entertainment with all proceeds raised going towards providing residential support and a range of community-based services to vulnerable individuals who are homeless, in housing need and at risk of social isolation.

The event builds on the successes of last year when Birchwood and Swingers Golfing Society joined forces with local businesses UPS Building Services and Proteus Facades to raise more than £8k to refurbish a new local mental health facility supporting individuals in crisis.

Positive outcomes

Stella Connell, chief executive, said: "Last year was amazing, it was a great opportunity to shine a spotlight on the life-changing work that we do at Birchwood.

"Working with UPS & Proteus Facades demonstrated the positive outcomes that can be achieved when charities and businesses join forces and work together.

"And Swingers Golfing Society are determined to make this year's charity ball a huge success - after all, the most important shot in golf is the next one."

If any local businesses or individuals are interested in coming along and supporting the event or would like to donate raffle or auction prizes contact Birchwood on 01695 728391.

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Dressed for the occasion . . . some of the guests who enjoyed the Co-op's Peaky Blinders-themed race night fundraiser at Beacon Park Golf Club.

Co-op's Peaky Blinders race night banks £1,300 for charities

A PEAKY Blinders-themed race night held at the Beacon Golf Course by the staff at the Co-Operative Bank's Delf House in Skelmersdale raised £1,300 for charity.

On the night £900 was collected and the bank also donated £400. The money will be distributed to its three chosen charities, Trussell Trust, Centrepoint and West Lancs ARK.

Bev Hayman from the Co-operative Bank said: "These charities are supported by the bank.

"The Trussell Trust run a network of more than 400 food banks who give emergency food and support to people in crisis across the UK. They are reliant on donations of food money.

"This year Delf House has allowed two colleagues to volunteer every Thursday to support the fantastic work of the Trussell Trust at the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale.

"We are also now are involved with another charity based in the Ecumenical Centre, West Lancs ARK, which supports unemployed and homeless people who need help applying for work and housing.

"Centre Point is also a charity for the homeless based in Manchester and is being supported by the Co-operative Bank."

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Public encouraged to use online tool to help tackle pothole menace

LANCASHIRE County Council has launched a new campaign to encourage people to join the fight against potholes by using a 'quick and easy' system to report them on the authority's website.

It also aims to minimise delays by asking people to provide accurate information and only report potholes that are big enough to be repaired.

The highways teams fixed around 40,000 potholes last year and council chiefs say that the overall condition of the county's roads is improving, with fewer potholes being found.

Lancashire's pothole-fixing teams work all year round with each repairing up to 20 holes a day. However, the council says they could do even better if more people used the Report It tool to provide accurate information when they find a pothole.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, the cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Potholes are caused by cold and wet weather and wear and tear from vehicles, which means we'll always have to deal with them.

"We dedicate significant resources to fixing potholes and our repair teams do a really good job in all weathers to keep our roads safe.

"Our new campaign asks people to help by taking the time to provide accurate information when they report potholes and preferably to use the Report It function on our website.

Highways engineer James Gardner with coloured blocks showing levels at which a pothole would be repaired on a road (40mm deep) and a pavement (25mm).

"This is a quick and easy process where people can pinpoint the pothole on a map, and provide an approximation of its size, as well as attach photographs. This information allows us to quickly assess the risk and decide how to prioritise it."

The county council is planning to spend over £24.7m on road maintenance during the current financial year, including £4m on reactive repairs to potholes. The majority of the budget is spent on maintenance such as resurfacing, and 'surface dressing' using tar and chippings to waterproof road surfaces and prevent potholes appearing in the first place.

The council is responsible for 4,600 miles of roads and 5,300 miles of pavement and says its approach to road maintenance over recent years has resulted in a decrease in over a third in the number of potholes being found. 38% fewer were found by highways inspectors or reported by the public in 2018/19 (39,137) compared with two years earlier in 2016/17 (62,564).

The number of potholes repaired from January 1 to May 31 this year in West Lancashire was 2,473

Potholes on roads need to be 40mm deep before the council will repair them but those on pavements or crossings only need to be 25mm deep due to the increased risk of people tripping. It could then take up to two working days to assess the issue, and if a repair is needed up to 20 working days to carry it out.

However the council aims to fix issues on the busiest roads and pavements more quickly, within five and 10 days depending on the location. If someone reports a pothole which could be a serious risk the council will aim to make it safe within two hours.

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Long-serving Dentist retires after 31 years at Firbeck surgery

DENTIST Stephen Bass has retired after more than three decades treating patients at the Firbeck Dental Surgery in Skelmersdale.

Mr Bass, from Formby, left the practice on Monday, July 1 and has been replaced by Akdas Ali.

The 62-year-old said he would miss his patients and commented: "I enjoyed the human contact during my 31 years at the surgery.

"I must have had about 150 patients a week and will miss not being able to banter with that many people.

"It was rewarding work, as dentistry can really make a difference to people's lives and can help them to feel better about themselves.

"Our work is to prevent pain and disease. In the past we took more teeth out but that's changed now and the work has become more challenging because of the regulations of tasks not directly related to treatment.

"I also want to thank my patients for putting their trust in me and allowing me to treat them.

"The people of Skelmersdale are down-to-earth, and good at making decisions. They are also genuine people.

"Of course, I will also miss the staff as well and the rural view out of the surgery window."

Meanwhile he outlined his plans for a busy retirement - including spending more time with the family, DIY and learning to play a musical instrument. He said: "It will be good to have free time to spend with my family, especially my new granddaughter.

Dentist Stephen Bass who has retired after 31 years at Firbeck Dental Surgery.

"I am also pretty good at DIY and family members have been roping me in to their projects.

"Also, I want to take up the cello from scratch. I don't read music so it will be a new experience."

Receptionist at the surgery, Paula McCarthy, said: "Everyone is sad to see Mr Bass leave but wish him a happy and healthy retirement."

The Skem veterans joined local dignitaries at the flag-raising ceremony in Ormskirk.

Skem vets 'on parade' at Armed Forces Day flag-raising event

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association were on parade at the Armed Forces Day flag-raising event at Coronation Park, Ormskirk.

They were joined by the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Gaynar Owen and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Terry Aldridge.

There was also a flag-raising ceremony at the war memorial in Old Skelmersdale on Wednesday, June 26.

Chairman of the veterans Alan Lewis said: "Skelmersdale has strong links to the military services and we are very proud of our military history and our armed force veterans associations in the town.

"The association were particularly thrilled to be able to support this event. It carries a strong message to the people of West Lancashire and Skelmersdale.

"The event was also an opportunity to say thank-you and show our support to the armed forces - from those currently serving to reservists, veterans, and their families.

"I would like to thank a number of veterans for their support at the flag raising in Coronation Park in Ormskirk. I would also like to thank the Armed Forces champion Tommy Creevy, William Duncan, Griff Griffiths. Thank you also to borough armed forces Champion, Councillor Terry Devine and Dave Kirk for their ongoing support."

Three members of the association also attended Burscough's 40s Weekend where they took some of their memorabilia on display.

Meanwhle the veterans are looking for anybody (including non-veterans) who would like to play walking football every Wednesday from 5 to 7pm at Evermoor Hub Community Centre.

For more information on Skelmersdale Veterans' Association contact Alan Lewis at email at sva-chair@outlook.com or by ringing 07939 660 048.

School's footy stars do the double - at the double!

YOUNG footballers from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College in Skemersdale are celebrating a quadruple triumph with both the Year 10 and Year 11 teams winning the West Lancashire League and Cup double in 2019.

The Year 10 side defeated St Bede's 6-3 in the final of the cup thanks to hat-tricks by Oliver Byrne and Jamie Nicholson after a wonderful all-round team performance.

Captain Liam McNally proudly lifted both trophies and manager Mr Gough paid tribute to a fantastic season by all.

Meanwhile the Year 11 team ended their special journey through OLQP by also winning the West Lancs League and Cup.

During the last five years the team has finished as either champions or runners-up every year, while this season they have remained unbeaten.

With the league title already under their belts, they played Ormskirk School in the cup final and after a tense and enthralling match the game ended 0-0.

Then with only minutes left of extra time Josh Niblock headed home the winner to spark jubilant scenes.

Man-of-the-match, captain Ged Traynor lifted both the league and cup trophies in front of very proud members of staff and supporters.

Their manager, Mr Ford, commented: "They have been a credit to their families and Our Lady's school over the past five years.'

Above: The double-winning Year 10 football squad at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College. Below: The all-conquering Year 11 team.

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Muffin the therapy dog (*and Scout!*) pay visits to local hospital wards

Report by **Henry James**

Health staff now look to bring in support pets to help patients in other areas - including critical care!

TWO fully-trained 'therapy pets' were surprise visitors to Ormskirk and Southport hospitals during 'Take your dog to work day.'

Muffin and Scout visited patients on the children's ward and stroke unit.

Paediatric consultant May Ng, who owns PAT (Pets As Therapy) dog Muffin, explained: "Muffin joined our family to help my son Brendan who is severely autistic. Muffin went through two years of training to make sure he was obedient enough to be able to be completely trusted in any situation.

"He had to undertake two very challenging exams to test his reactions and temperament.

"Children react so well to Muffin, he can help to distract nervous little ones, or bring a smile when they are feeling tired or sad during a hospital stay.

"He has had an incredible impact on Brendan and I would recommend any parent with an autistic child consider getting a therapy dog.

"I have recently written a book, *Journey with Brendan*, which covers this subject and other issues, and may be of help to other families who are experiencing life with autism."

Therapy dog Muffin at Ormskirk Hospital.

Silas Nicholls, outgoing chief executive at Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust explained: "The team here has worked very hard to get us to the point where we can allow dogs to visit wards.

"The benefits are clear and I am delighted that we can offer additional help for patients alongside traditional treatment.

"We are looking at bringing support pets into other areas such as critical care, where early rehabilitation is incredibly beneficial."

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You beauty! Burscough salon in running for regional award

A BEAUTY salon in Burscough has been nominated for an industry award - just 19 months after opening.

Lavender Cove Beauty Salon in Liverpool Road North has been shortlisted in the inaugural North West Beauty Industry Awards.

Organised by events and communications agency, Creative Oceanic, the awards aim to acknowledge and celebrate the best of the beauty industry in the region and finalists are voted for by clients.

Lavender Cove, opened in November 2017 and owned by 28-year-old Jemma Smith from Burscough, is competing against seven other Lancashire salons for a '5-star Salon' award.

Jemma, whose team includes six staff and two self-employed consultants, said: " We are delighted to be finalists for this award as we work hard to ensure our clients receive excellent customer service at all times. The business is fairly new and it is a huge honour to be recognised in a large industry."

Winners will be announced at an awards evening at the Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel on Sunday, July 21.

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More tributes to 'a true gent who will be greatly missed'

Readers, community groups and politicians recall fond memories of Champion photographer Martyn Snape...

MORE tributes have been paid to Champion photographer Martyn Snape following his death last week after a short illness.

The 65-year-old, a stalwart of the Champion for more than 20 years, has been fondly remembered by residents, politicians, charity leaders and community groups for his work behind the camera and friendly personality.

Skelmersdale councillor and deputy leader of the Labour group on Lancashire County Council, John Fillis, said: "I knew Martyn for many years and he covered photo shoots right across West Lancashire. It did not matter the size or impact of the event, he always brought a friendly warmth to the occasion.

"He respected everyone he met and that came across in the pictures he created through his camera. Every picture told the story about local people their lives, aspirations, achievements and fears, with Martyn there to guide them through it.

"He was a true gent and will be missed."

Meanwhile Michael Dawson, founder of local history group, Images of Burscough and Surrounding Areas, has announced they will hold an event in October in memory of Martyn.

Michael said: "Photographers are generally the people you don't notice behind the camera, but Martyn was the exception.

Martyn Snape on duty for the Champion at the Bickertsock Music Festival. Picture by Amanda Bennett.

You could not help but notice him, along with his friendly personality and I considered him the 'face' of the Ormskirk Champion.

"Our paths crossed regularly at local events and he would always have time for a chat. His professionalism was obvious as he directed people into the correct position to get his shots.

"I was very saddened and shocked to hear of Martyn's passing, he will be greatly missed. My sympathies go to his family and friends."

Among many Champion readers paying tribute was William Clarke who said: "Martyn was one of life's good guys, a really genuine person who it was a privilege to have known. I send my sincerest condolences to his family."

Alan Lewis, chairman of Skelmersdale Veterans' Association, said: "Martyn was a popular face at events that the veterans have run over the last 20 years. He served the community around Skelmersdale and West Lancashire with dedication.

"We send our condolences to Martyn's family at this sad time. He was a gentleman who will always be remembered by Skelmersdale Veterans' Association. Rest in peace."

Amanda Bennett, a volunteer at Bickerstock Music Festival, commented: "Martyn was great. I first met him about six years ago in my volunteer role with Bickerstock Music Festival and every year subsequently.

"He also covered events I organised for Maghull and District Community of Schools; while I was education officer at The Atkinson; and latterly the Sustainability Fair for Edge Hill Students' Union, where I now work as activities co-ordinator, so our lives have criss-crossed in many ways.

"I was really sad when he retired due to ill health but had no idea how serious it was, so was very shocked to read of his death this week."

And president of Rotary Club of Ormskirk, John McCormick, said: "Martyn was such a nice man, always with a smile and a glint in his eye. It will be strange not to have him as the photographer at our Rotary events which he's been covering for years."

Martyn's funeral will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Wednesday, July 10 at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations can be made to Queenscourt Hospice.

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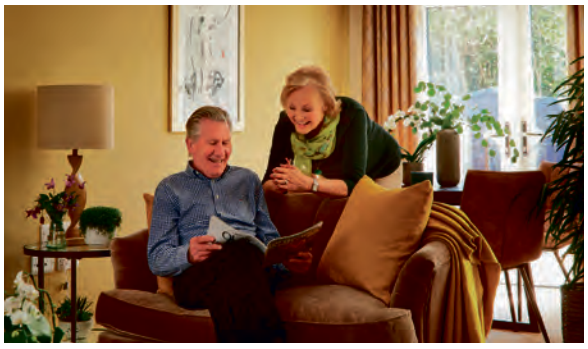

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THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will hold its next Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 9 from 1.30 to 3pm in the boardroom of its offices in Hilldale on the Ormskirk Hospital site.

Members of the local community are welcome to observe and questions can be taken around agenda items only in advance and will be answered on the day at the chair's discretion.

The agenda will be available on the CCG website (www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk) one week prior to the meeting. Anyone wanting to submit a question can do so by contacting the secretary to the board on 01695 588 144 by noon on Monday, July 8.

Printed copies of the papers are available on request for those without access to the Internet by calling 01695 588 000.

Private lives of politicians are no concern of the rest of us

BORIS Johnson doesn't want to tell me (or you) what he had an argument with his partner about. And I am not surprised.

Now he is besieged by well-meaning folk who seem to think anyone aspiring to be our next Prime Minister should, in the words of his rival, Jeremy Hunt, "answer questions on anything."

Complete tosh. I can think of several questions I wouldn't be allowed even to ask, let alone get answers to.

So far as I am aware, the basic facts are that Johnson's neighbour, a public-spirited chap, decided to record the goings-on on his mobile phone and thought it necessary to call the police.

Somebody also alerted the media.

And now, half the country is up in arms, reckoning that anyone who does not wish publicly to tell the world and his or her dog what a purely private argument was about is obviously unfit to lead the Conservative Party, let alone the country.

You may remember that I recently referred to my two-up, two-down terraced house in Bootle, and the lovely friendly folk who were my neighbours.

Well, early one morning, my wife and I had a ding-dong argument. Aand because the weather was very warm and sultry, the sash window to our bedroom was open.

Anyhow, I left home to go to work in Crosby and at lunchtime trotted back for a quick bite to eat and a chance to make up after our quarrel, only to find Caroline (my wife) having a fit of the giggles.

She told me that I had hardly reached the end of the street that morning before a neighbour banged on our door and told her: "If he speaks to you like that again, you come straight over to me love."

Oddly, she hadn't found it vital to get the police round. And strangely she didn't enquire as to what we had been shouting at each other about. They thought it was none of their business - see?

And now, I'm afraid, in the rather unlikely event that I should aspire to be PM, I cannot remember even roughly what the argument was about - so that scuppers my chances anyway I suppose.

I agree that designer drug-taking, even as a student, can never be a good thing and whoever is accused of so doing should reasonably be asked for an explanation. Ditto criminal convictions.

But it is surely obvious that a man or woman's 'private life', so long as it does not involve breaking the law, should surely be what it says on the tin - private?

Does anybody assume that say, Winston Churchill - or Her Majesty the Queen for that matter - never had a cross word with their partners?

Do we demand to know chapter and verse what they were disagreeing over? Just because a well-intentioned chap thought to call in the police on this one does not make it any the less private.

And do you know, though I am as I said apparently out of step with a large proportion of the population, I honestly do not want to know.

Perhaps modern-day folk would think it a good idea to have a TV programme devoted to it. We, the watchers could then be invited to phone in to say who was right and whether it could cause a national security scandal.

I'll tell you one thing though - this episode has made me think more highly of those politicians who have sensibly kept their snouts out of what was obviously none of their business in the first place.

Actually, nothing is more likely to put me off my morning porridge than one of those sickly-sweet staged press photos of a prominent politician having a cosy brekky with wife or husband, their 2.4 children and the pet dog curled in its basket.

Perhaps once the media has departed, wife (or husband) actually says: "Get that smelly animal out of the room!"

But, you know, I don't particularly want to be told that either.

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Tap Room is the toast of the town!

Burscough Street venue scoops CAMRA Pub of the Year award less than two years after relaunch

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AN Ormskirk pub that has been opened for less than two years has been voted Pub of the Year by the Southport and West Lancashire branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

Tap Room No 12 in Burscough Street achieved the accolade after being voted for members of the organisation.

Shortlisted pubs are visited - unknown to the establishment - by the judges who make the final decision.

The criteria for the awards is based on the knowledge of the staff, the quality of the beer and the atmosphere in the venue.

Paul Shiel, owner of Tap Room No12, says that the commendation from CAMRA is a real honour, particularly as the pub faced stiff competition locally in the shape of previous winners The Cricketers and The Hop Vine, also based in Ormskirk.

"This award is particularly special to us as we've only been running for just under two years", he said.

"And we take it as a real compliment and testament to our philosophy of good beer, good music and a friendly atmosphere."

The award is a second accolade for the pub as manager Kelly Beckett won the CAMRA Bar Person of The Year crown last year.

Tap Room No 12 was previously known as The Hop Inn Biere Shoppe, before Paul took it over in July 2017.

As well as specialising in cask ales, continental and craft beers and over 20 different gins, it also has live music on three nights, as well as a weekly pub quiz.

Tap Room No 12 owner Paul Shiell (right) receiving the award from CAMRA representative Doug MacAdam.

The pub is also a supporter of the Moor Street Night Market, along with The Cricketers and The Hop Vine.

Paul added: "I'd like to thank the staff and customers for helping us win this award, as they're the ones who have made us what we are.

"We aim to be part of the community, including being one of the founding members of the monthly Night Market, in the town centre.

"This award proves we're getting something right."

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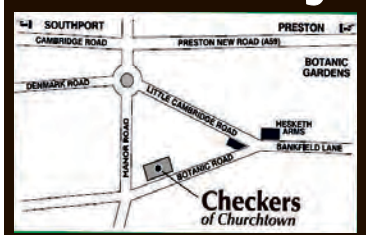

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Please don't bring ageism into the argument about Conservative Party leadership contest

RE: Joseph Caygill's letter (Champion, June 26) about the Conservative Party leadership contest

It is not unusual for a Prime Minister to resign in office and then their own party elect a new leader and become PM without a general election taking place.

Six times since the end of the Second World War both Labour and Conservatives parties have gone this way when it suits them.

Also, what's wrong with people over 55 voting?

Please don't fall into the trap of ageism thinking that the Brexit result was because old, feeble-minded over-55s voted out.

One day you will be our age and you will know what I mean.

Dave B, Skelmersdale.

PICTURE of the week

THIS picture, capturing the summer solstice at Lathom Park, was taken from the west wing at Lathom House overlooking the cowfields and submitted by Champion reader Tony Bishop.

If you would like to submit a photo for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to us at editorial@ champnews.com.

And please remember to include your name, the area you live in and brief caption details to go with the photo.

Pool revamp plan is long overdue but oh for a sports centre like the one we used to have!

IT is very encouraging to learn of the long overdue re-vamp of Nye Bevan and similar sites in Ormskirk and I welcome the new facilities they will offer, spinning studios, bowling, climbing walls, swimming pool.

However I really do think that amongst other things (like a railway station) Skelmersdale would have benefited so much from a sports centre, like the one we used to have!

A place where people of all ages can play/learn sports, create teams and socialise the old-fashioned way through sport.

It had badminton, gymnastics, martial arts, squash, tennis, five-a-side, netball . . . all kinds.

I have fond memories of our old sports centre and I really think our young people especially would benefit from this type of amenity.

There is not a lot for young people at all in our forgotten town!

A. O., Skelmersdale.

How much longer do we have to wait for our railway station?

WHY is it taking so long to build a Skelmersdale railway station?

The proposed station, we are told, would have trains to Liverpool and Manchester and would have two platforms, a large car park, shop and a café for light food.

It would be based at the former Glenburn Sports College, which is by the Concourse.

A lot of people currently have to drive to Maghull North Station, or Ormskirk.

Meanwhile the M58 is very busy with cars and a rail station would also ease traffic through Westhead and other parts of West Lancashire.

At present it's almost impossible for people to go to Southport from Skelmersdale in the evening via public transport as the last bus back is 8.45pm.

That means no visits to the resort's restaurant and cinemas, and no summer evening walks along the front if you live in Skelmersdale. You have to stay at home.

Nigel Daish, Westhead.

No place for these 'brutalist' structures in historic town

NEWS that the application for the redevelopment of the bus station site has been withdrawn (Champion, June 26) will be greeted with pleasure by those who feel that the sheer scale of the new building, including the provision of four-storey accommodation, is hardly consistent with the image of Ormskirk as a Historic Market Town.

A similar objection could be made in the case of the Poundstretcher redevelopment application, which includes also the demolition of an old Regal Cinema art deco building and its replacement by a massive four-storey structure.

Again, this type of brutalist architecture has no place in Ormskirk.

(Dr) Murray Steele, Ormskirk.

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

■ **PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.**

Good luck to local Scouts heading out west for World Jamboree

GOOD luck to Scouts from Ormskirk who are heading to North America!

In a few days' time Scouts from Ormskirk will be travelling 3,800 miles to wild and wonderful West Virginia, USA for the 24th World Scout Jamboree (July 22 to August 2).

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Bear Grylls, Chief Scout.

Let's not forget vital role played by Women's Land Army in Second World War effort

AS Britain prepares to mark 80 years since the start of the Second World War, I hope the public will remember another significant anniversary - the formation of the Women's Land Army (WLA).

The WLA was reformed in June 1939, a few months before the outbreak of war, and filled the gap in the farm workforce left by the hundreds of thousands of men called up to fight.

At its peak in 1944, more than 80,000 female workers known as 'Land Girls' had joined. The contribution made by the Land Girls and the working horses they worked alongside during the Second World War was monumental.

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Geoffrey Dennis,
SPANA (Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad)

Police commissioner launches new digital investigations and forensics department

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has officially launched Lancashire Constabulary's Digital Investigations and Forensics Department which, he says, "vastly improves the force's digital capabilities and is already playing a vital role in tackling crime and keeping people safe."

Mr Grunshaw was joined at the launch by members of the senior team at Lancashire Constabulary and officers based in the department, hearing first-hand the difference that three years of investment totalling around £2.7m has made.

He added that the Digital Investigations and Forensics Department has led to, "much-improved capabilities, faster turnaround of evidence and a better service for victims, with significantly reduced time that victims need to wait for the outcome of digital forensics."

Police commissioner Clive Grunshaw pictured at the launch with temporary assistant chief constable Jo Edwards and Ian Billsborough from Lancashire Constabulary.

Following a tour and an opportunity to meet the different teams who each play a vital role in the department, the commissioner saw some of the equipment that is used in the process of a digital investigation.

He said: "It is crucial that Lancashire Constabulary ensure their digital capabilities are to a high standard and well placed to tackle the ever-evolving nature of crime.

"Over half of all crime has an online element with this only set to increase and investing in this area is a key part of keeping people safe and protecting vulnerable people.

"I'm really pleased that the investment we've made is already making such a clear operational difference which is helping keep the people of Lancashire safe."

Temporary assistant chief constable, Jo Edwards, added: "The impact of digital technology now cuts across all types of criminal investigations and it is vitally important that we have the capacity to meet the challenges that we face. That is why we have made the significant investment in this new facility, which will allow us to carry out quicker examination of digital devices so we can extract evidence to support on-going investigations and bring positive outcomes to victims of crime in Lancashire."

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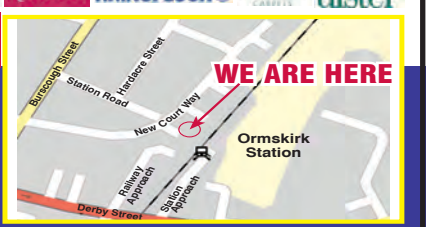

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Putting in place a Will can also assist with Inheritance Tax planning and while the rules relating to Inheritance Tax have changed favourably in the last few years, with the introduction of the Residential Nil Rate Band for qualifying estates, the reality is that the Inheritance Tax allowance has remained frozen at £325,000 since 6th April 2009, over 10 years. Over that period inflation has increased by more than 36%. For the previous financial year, HMRC collected £5.4 billion in Inheritance Tax receipts with this expected to increase in future years as property prices rise.

There are also steps you can take in a Will to help protect your estate from potential future care costs. By using trusts, assets can be protected for future beneficiaries. The average costs of a year in a care home can easily reach well over £50,000.

When thinking about a Will, you should also put in place a Lasting Power of Attorney to enable people you have nominated to look after your finances and welfare if you cannot do so yourself. This covers if you were to develop Alzheimer's or dementia in future, as well as other circumstances. If you do not have a Lasting Power of Attorney in place beforehand, you cannot put one in place once you have lost the capacity to do so and this can cause a lot of problems for you and your family.

When putting in place a Will and Lasting Power of Attorney, the advice of a qualified solicitor should always be sought. It is all too common, with so much information available online, for people to try and do their own Will and Lasting Power of Attorney only for mistakes to be made which can lead to family disputes and financial consequences.

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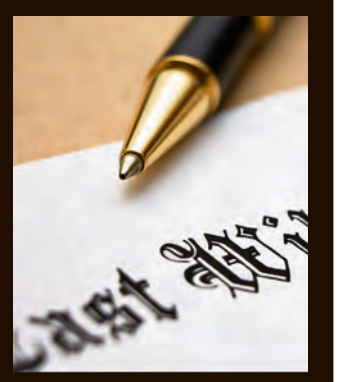

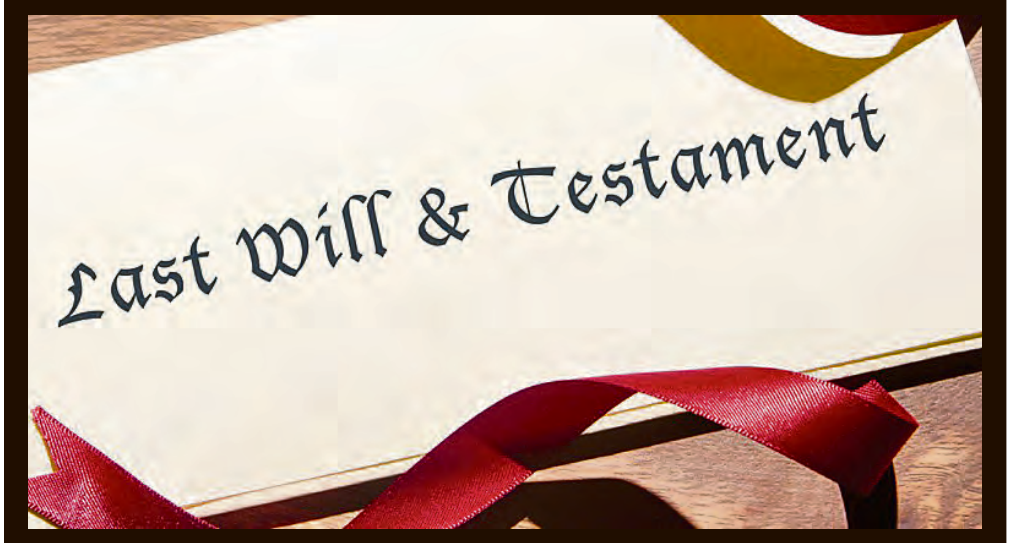

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What a carry-on for Pacer trains!

THE much-maligned Pacer trains which should have been taken out of service at the end of this year, now look set to carry on running into 2020 after problems were identified with their replacements.

Spanish firm CAF were paid £500m by Northern to build 101 trains. However, a problem has emerged with the new trains' coupling system, which join the carriages together - apparently they are too big! according to reports.

So it looks as though a pledge by Northerm Rail and the Department of Transport to rid local services of Pacers will not now be carried out as planned.

Northern has 102 Pacer trains and apart from one they all would fall foul of new rules being introduced next January for improved accessibility for disabled people. The ageing Pacers were made for buses, but placed on train wheels for use on the railways.

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, slammed the latest problem to beset Northern. He said: "Pacer trains are a symbol of the chronic under-investment in northern transport by successive governments. The fact that passengers will still have to travel in these museum pieces in 2020 is unacceptable.

"This fiasco once again underlines why the north needs to be at the front of the queue when it comes to investment for the next 25 years, just like London has been for the last 50 years."

In a statement Northern Rail said they were reviewing when the final date would be when they could remove all Pacer trains. "We identified a small mechanical design issue that required a fix. We worked with CAF to find a solution, but this coupler problem had a regrettable and adverse impact on train delivery, testing and driver training."

The Department of Transport has commented that a 'small number of Pacers' may continue to be used next year.

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Rotary president bows out after successful year of fundraising

THE outgoing president of the Rotary Club of Ormskirk, John McCormick, is stepping down from the role after an eventful year which has seen the club raise £8,000 for good causes.

One of his final acts as president was to present a cheque for £400 to Sheila Byrne, co-founder of Hope Street, an organisation based in the town's Chapel Gallery, dedicated to help people suffering from mental health issues, anxiety and depression.

The money was raised at the club's anniversary dinner earlier this year when in the year when Ormskirk-born impressionist and comedian, Jon Culshaw was guest speaker.

During the past year the Rotary Club has raised more than £8,000 for local causes, including an appeal for brave Aughton cancer sufferer, Isabel Morison, a scouting project in Uganda, local branches of Age Concern and the Samaritans, the Elektric Apple Theatre Group and various other local charities and organisations.

John McCormick presents a cheque for £400 to Hope Street founder Sheila Byrne as one of his final acts as president of the Rotary Club of Ormskirk.

'Priveleged'

Included in that sum was £2,500 that John McCormick, who is also retiring this summer as director of Myersons Chartered Accountants, raised for Prostate Cancer UK by taking part in last year's West Lancashire Summer Triathlon.

The gruelling event involved the 67-year-old, who has been treated for the disease himself, completing a 400-metre swim, 18.5km bike ride and 5k run.

Other after dinner speakers the club has been pleased to host during the year have included Dr John Cater, vice chancellor of Edge Hill University; Michelle Turner, vice-captain of the Invictus Games team and new member Jeff Davies who spoke about fracking and the environment.

The outgoing president thanked people in the local community for their support throughout his year.

He said: "I have been privileged to have been the president of the Rotary Club of Ormskirk. We've had a great year, with a wide variety of after-dinner speakers, we've raised a load of money, we've put something into the community and we've had a lot of fun in the process."

New president will be David Griffiths, a local barber in Ormskirk.

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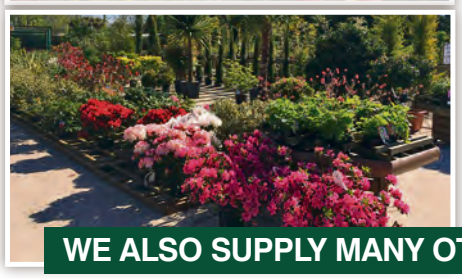

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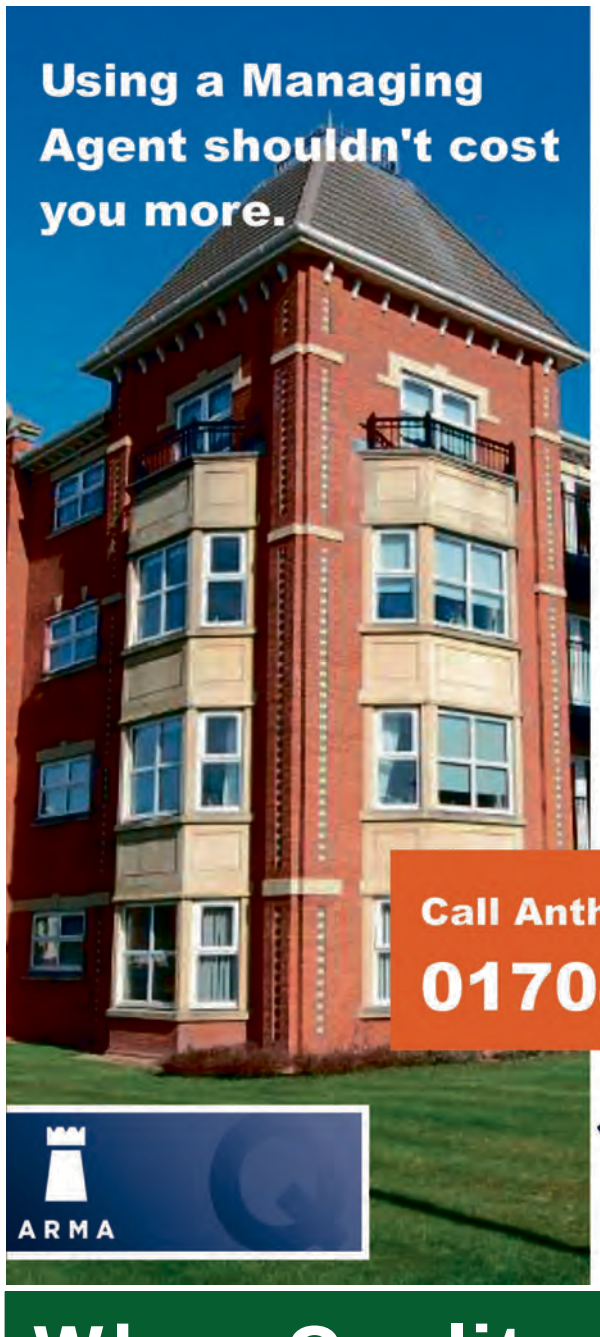

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Information evening for would-be adopters

LANCASHIRE County Council are staging another of their information evenings for anyone thinking about starting or growing their family through adoption.

Part of a campaign running over the summer to recruit adopters, the latest event will be held at County Hall, Fishergate Hill, Preston on Tuesday, July 9 from 6 to 7.30pm.

Following a short presentation, members of the authority's adoption team, including social workers, will be available to answer questions, talk people through the process, and offer confidential advice.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We need people from all backgrounds to offer a permanent home and family to children who are not able to live with their birth family.

"You must be over 21, and live in Lancashire or close by, but whatever your race, gender, sexuality, living arrangements, age or employment status, we want to hear from you.

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Adoptive parents are needed for children from young babies up to eight years of age, and particularly people willing to keep families together by adopting siblings. Brothers and sisters are among the children who wait longest to be adopted, as there are not enough people coming forward who are able to give them a safe, permanent and loving family.

Lancashire County Council is seeking people from all backgrounds to offer a permanent home and family to children who are not able to live with their birth family.
Photo posed by a model.

'Extra importance'

Among the 32 Lancashire children currently ready to be adopted, there are four two-sibling groups and two three-sibling groups.

Cllr. Williamson added: "I'm hoping that we can encourage people to at least think about adopting two or more children. We keep brothers and sisters together whenever we can. For children who cannot be brought up by their own parents, those sibling relationships take on extra importance..

"However, we know that adopting siblings might not be for everyone, and we still need adopters to come forward to look after children of all different ages and circumstances."

Adoptive parents are also needed for children from young babies up to eight years of age, and particularly for the following groups:

- Children aged over four, of either gender.
- Children with special needs, disabilities, or unpredictable medical issues.
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Further details about the information evening and adoption in general are available online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption or by calling the adoption team on 0300 123 6723.

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Author Richard O'Neill pictured with local pupils during his visit to Asmall Primary School.

Author's visit inspires schools' budding writers

LOCAL primary school pupils were inspired to write their own stories following a visit by children's author Richard O'Neill.

The writer went along to Asmall Primary School in Tennyson Drive, Ormskirk, with local County Councillor Nikki Hennessy to hand out prizes to children from 11 West Lancs primary schools as part of the county-wide We Are Reading project.

The project is designed to encourage reading among children and youngsters were rewarded for 'something special' they had done this year.

Prizes were awarded for achievements including 'amazing progress in reading this year', 'inspiring others to read', 'challenging themselves in reading' and 'reading a wide range of books'.

After a book-signing session and refreshments, the author stayed behind at the school to meet the rest of the children and hold some writing workshops.

Deputy headteacher at Asmall Primary, Rebecca Whitfield, said: "The event was a great success. The children from all the schools really enjoyed it.

"And the afternoon workshops really galvanised our children to action - they went straight back to their classes eager to write their own stories for people to enjoy!"

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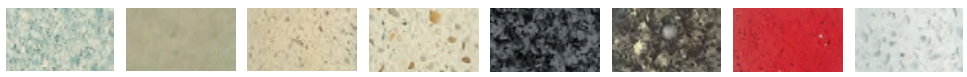

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MP backs campaign to encourage more disabled people to take advantage of railcard discount

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper is supporting a campaign to encourage more disabled people to travel by train using the Disabled Persons Railcard, which offers a third off the cost of journeys.

The Rail Delivery Group, which represents train operators and Network Rail, held a parliamentary event on accessibility and inclusion in rail, showcasing the work the rail industry is doing to change and improve the network to make it more accessible.

This includes enabling disabled people to make more discounted journeys with the Disabled Persons Railcard.

Last year 16,457 journeys starting from West Lancashire were made using the Railcard, up from 16,021 in 2015. This compares to a 43% increase across the country, with Disabled Persons Railcard journeys rising from five million in 2015 to seven million in 2019.

Rosie Cooper: "I hope more people will benefit from big savings that can be made."

The card offers a third off adult rail fares at any time on the National Rail network for people with a disability, plus a companion. On average, passengers with the Disabled Persons Railcard save £108 a year, even after the £20 cost of the card is factored in.

West Lancs MP Ms Cooper said: "Everyone in West Lancashire should have the opportunity to travel by train and this event shows that the rail industry is working hard to improve accessibility across the country and make the railway easier for everyone to use.

"I'm pleased to work with the rail companies to raise awareness of the discounts offered by the Disabled Persons Railcard and hope more people will benefit from big savings that can be made."

Jac Starr, chief operating officer at the Rail Delivery Group, which represents train companies and Network Rail, said: "We're working hard to improve the railway, making more stations step-free and adding thousands of new and refurbished carriages which are more accessible.

"While record numbers of people are saving money with the Disabled Persons Railcard, we want everyone to benefit from the improvements we're making which is why we're encouraging eligible disabled people to sign up for a card and save on their journeys."

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Dancers wowed crowds at community festival

Breathtaking opening performances moved organiser to tears

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MORE than 1,000 visitors turned out for this year's Ormskirk Community Dance Festival, with the opening performances moving the organiser to tears!

The festival, which returned to the town's Coronation Park for a fifth year, is run by Skelmersdale-based Divine Days Community Arts CIC, in partnership with the Park Rangers and West Lancashire Borough Council.

Divine Days aims to assist people of all ages, abilities and disabilities to connect with others and founder, Kate Whitehead, said the annual dance festival was once again a fantastic success.

"This year saw many organisations joining together showcasing the amazing work that goes on in our community," she said. "We had over a thousand visitors to the park and wowed audiences throughout the day."

The event was opened by the senior and junior squad with Divine Days and Kate added: "I was completely moved to tears.

"Some of our children have real struggles and barriers in their daily lives and to see them shine and perform so beautifully took mine and everyone's breath away."

Kate also shared the news that Divine Days had been awarded £102,000 by National Lottery to fund three new DiddiDivine Dance groups for toddlers and children with additional needs, as well further its other community work.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen (left) pictured at the Community Dance Festival with organiser, Kate Whitehead (5th from right) participants and other officials and visitors.

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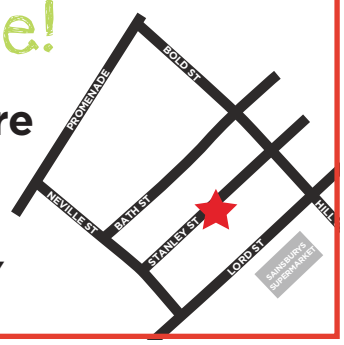

Bill publishes his third book about growing up in 'heart of Liverpool'

Report by **Henry James**

AN author with family links to Ormskirk and Aughton has published the third book in a trilogy describing what it was like growing up in 'Liverpool 5 - the very heart and soul of the city.'

The Boothies, She Laughed More Than She Cried is the third in a series by Bill Booth and follows on from *In Reach of St Polycarpe's*' and *Liverpool 5*, all set in the area of the city around Anfield and Kirkdale.

Bill, 71, who has lived in Melling for 35 years, spent six years in the Merchant Navy and has been involved in a family business with his wife Cathy for 50 years.

Proceeds from the books go to various charities including KIND, Zoe's Place and the League of Welldoers, and the couple have received recognition for their charity work from Buckingham Palace.

Bill said: "I have written this trilogy because it is not only about a family growing up, but in my opinion, also in the very heart and soul of Liverpool, Liverpool 5.

"I have tried to bring back to life our childhood, the desire to self-educate, the thirst for knowledge among the slums, the purpose of living a full life, without money or means of transport.

"If you read this trilogy you will see what can be achieved from little acorns.

"I would like to thank so many people who have helped me achieve my quest and that was to leave a lasting legacy of our family's life and tribulations, growing up and surviving in a 'salt-of-the-earth' community, Liverpool 5.

Above: Author Bill, aged nine, with his brothers Alan Ray and John.

Below: With wife Cathy.

"My thanks go to Jayne for her expertise in putting the trilogy together, my daughter Jane for her tireless work, Dougie Mannering and Lil Curry for helping me furnish the books with true photographs. Thank you all."

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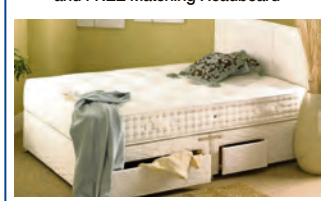

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Awards scheme for ‘young’ businesses is back with improved rewards for winners

AN awards scheme which seeks to recognise and reward the county’s next generation of employees, budding entrepreneurs and thriving young businesses is set to return with an improved package of support for the winners.

The Sub36 Awards organised by Lancashire Business View magazine is once again seeking nominations.

In addition to plaudits and a trophy, the winners - to be announced at a glittering prize-giving ceremony at the Winter Gardens Blackpool in October - will also receive access to a bespoke mentoring programme provided by Northern Mentoring Programme and a 12-month pass to high level coaching from Sales Geek via their academy.

The Sub36 programme aims to highlight the ‘excellent and inspiring work’ being undertaken by individuals aged under 36 across the county. It includes print features within Lancashire Business View magazine, regular networking events and the annual awards celebration.

A total of 10 awards will be handed out on the night across categories such as apprentice, customer champion, innovator and leader of the year - the latter won last year by Mark Ashton of Skelmersdale’s Artz For All.

Last year’s winners, including Skelmersdale's Mark Ashton of Artz for All, back right.

A special 11th award will be presented by the Lancashire Business View and Sub36 teams.

Closing date for nominations is midnight Monday, September 2 and anyone can nominate a colleague, employee or peer who they believe is deserving.

Richard Slater, publisher of Lancashire Business View and founder of Sub36, said: “The event is about more than celebrating past successes with fanfare and trophies - although we do this too. It is also about identifying potential in the county and helping it to flourish.

“We have put together a truly valuable prize package with help from the Northern Mentoring Programme and Sales Geek. Winners will receive the type of support that would take any business to the next level and help with personal growth too.”

For more details and to enter or submit a nomination, visit www.sub36.co.uk.

Borough to remember victims of Srebrenica

WEST Lancs Council is joining a national campaign encouraging people to remember the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica during the Bosnian war.

This year marks the 24th anniversary of the atrocities, during which more than 8000 men and boys were murdered.

The council, along with many others across the country, has been asked by the Government to mark Srebrenica Memorial Week from July 7 to 14 and will do so by lighting up the Clock Tower in Ormskirk and the Lightcube in Skelmersdale in green and white from dusk until dawn.

The theme for 2019, ‘Bridging the Divide: Confronting Hate’ seeks to inspire people to challenge those who wish to divide communities. It also looks to celebrate those who build bridges between communities and change attitudes and behaviours in others to go out and build bridges of their own.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen, said: “It is now more important than ever for us to come together, no matter what our background, to celebrate diversity and to stand together in solidarity against discrimination.

“We hope you will join us in mourning the loss of those who died at Srebrenica, and reflecting on how we as individuals, groups and communities can be more united together. By learning from the lessons of the past, we can create a safer, better future.

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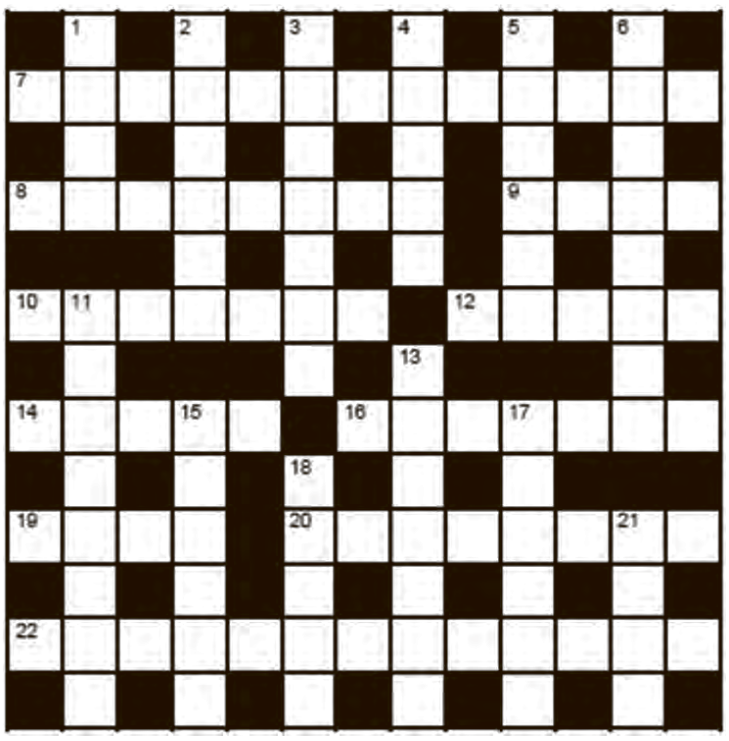

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Down: 1. Fete. 2. Correspondent. 3. Wayside. 4. Smear. 5. Crystal-gazing. 6. Magnolia. 12. Fade away. 14. Highway. 17. Adult. 20. Acne.

ACROSS

7. Having an exaggerated sense of one's own value (4-9)
8. Relating to or flying at a speed or speeds less than that of sound (8)
9. Responsibility; burden (4)
10. Arrogance (7)
12. Classic horse race for three-year-olds held at Epsom each June (5)
14. Dome-shaped shelter built from blocks of solid snow, traditionally used by Inuits (5)
16. A temporary stay (7)
19. Leave out (4)
20. A hard, dry cheese used chiefly in grated form, especially on Italian dishes (8)
22. Former government department responsible for assessing and collecting income tax (6, 7)

DOWN

1. A boyfriend or male admirer (4)
2. To counteract (6)
3. Foreboding (7)
4. Informal term for a person's head (5)
5. Caress; fondle (6)
6. Restrict or impede free movement (8)
11. Exchange of differing views, typically heated or angry (8)
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Council announces series of free, family fun days this month

Report by **Henry James**

Visitors at a previous Green Fayre at Beacon Country Park.

A NUMBER of free family events have been organised by West Lancashire Borough Council Parks and Countryside Ranger Service for July including the Green Fayre, planned for July 20 and 21.

Wimbledon will doubtless be exciting the crowds this week so if you catch the tennis bug watching it then don't miss the Ormskirk Tennis Festival at the town's Coronation Park, on Sunday, July 7 between 11am and 4pm.

This family tennis event offers people a chance to try the game and take part in fun competitions.

There will also be performances by Sound Affects Music Studios throughout the day.

On Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21 Beacon Country Park will once again host the Green Fayre, a celebration of the countryside and countryside living.

Thousands of people are expected to come and enjoy a huge range of attractions and family entertainment. There will be a wide range of woodland craft demonstrations, a line-up of animal displays including falconry, horse and dog shows in the arena and much more.

Entry is free and the show is open 11am to 5pm on both days.

For more information visit the website www.westlancs.gov.uk/greenfayre.

'Fantastic day out'

On the same weekend Silcocks Funfair comes to Coronation Park, Ormskirk, and will be there throughout the school holidays until September 1, weather permitting.

Meanwhile volunteers can help the council rangers tackle the problem with Himalayan Balsam, a plant that is choking out the native flora, at a Balsam Bashing event at Burscough Brickpits on Sunday, July 28.

And the busy month continues with the start of the summer junior rangers events on July 30. For more details visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/events.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "July is a fantastic month to visit our parks and countryside sites and the Green Fayre is a fantastic day out for all the family. So make sure that you don't miss out on all the fun."

For more information about the Parks and Countryside Ranger Service and their events email beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk or phone 01695 622794.

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Support service for vulnerable adults given top rating

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council's Shared Lives Service has again been rated as 'outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The Shared Lives scheme works in a similar way to foster care, but for adults, as people who use the service become part of a family.

Shared Lives matches adults with learning disabilities, older people and people with mental health needs with carers and their families.

Shared Lives was recognised as being outstanding in all five areas covered by the inspection - safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led. In the report, the inspector stated: "People unanimously told us carers and staff were exceptionally compassionate and kind. Staff and carers expressed commitment to ensuring people received high-quality care. We saw excellent examples of how carers ensured people felt part of their family.

"We saw excellent examples of how people were supported to remain safe at times when they were at significant risk.

"Through robust safeguarding training, staff and carers were able to keep people safe at times when their lives were in crisis.

"The provider's robust recruitment processes for staff and carers, along with the matching process, had exceptionally positive outcomes for people.

"We saw outstanding examples of when the service had worked with other healthcare professionals to achieve positive outcomes for people and to improve their quality of life."

Recognised

County Councillor Graham Gooch, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult services, said: "This is tremendous news. Our Shared Lives service was recognised as outstanding previously.

"The team has worked hard to maintain this excellent standard, but has actually improved the service again as we achieved outstanding in all five areas covered by the inspection.

"Our achievements were also recognised at the national Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) conference, which underlines what an excellent service we provide.

"Well done to the team and all our Shared Lives carers for all their hard work. They should be very proud of their achievements."

The county council announced this 'outstanding' news during Shared Lives Week, a national campaign run by Shared Lives Plus which aims to encourage people to contact their local Shared Lives team to find out more about becoming a carer.

County Councillor Graham Gooch.

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Super slimmer Ellen is bikini ready thanks to Slimming World!

An Ormskirk mum of 2 Ellen Rivas-Torrecillas has transformed herself ready for the summer by shredding an incerdibale 3 stone in just 21 weeks with the help and support of her local Slimming world group.

With more than half of all women in the UK and Ireland (58%) are overweight and a quarter of women's weight risks impacting on their health by increasing their chances of developing a range of conditions including diabetes, heart disease and cancer Ellen, 25 has gone from a size 14 to a size 8 in just 21 weeks and is feeling pretty amazing.

Ellen says "When I started out I never dreamt I'd be able to achieve all that I have. Losing the weight has made such a big difference – it's changed my life. My health is better, I have more energy and I'm much happier now – I feel more comfortable in my own skin and it's a lovely feeling knowing I can into all my summer clothes with ease." She joined Slimming World in January 2019 after the birth of her baby daughter. I'd been to Slimmimg World after the birth of my son a year earlier so knew it worked. My family and friends are all amazed by how much I can eat and still lose. I am still able eat many of the same meals that I did before I started losing weight, like spaghetti bolognese, curries and roast dinners. Now I just prepare and cook them differently – and they taste so much better. I've picked up lots of new healthy recipes from the other members at my Slimming World group, too. "I know a lot of people worry about joining a slimming club because they don't know what to expect And even though I had been to group before I was still slightly apprehensive but right from the moment I walked into my Slimming World group I felt comfortable, and the support I've received has been amazing."

Ellen adds "I look forward to going to Slimming World each week." Ellen lost 4lbs in her week and and went on to lose a stone in 6 weeks,and she was blown away that the changes she'd made had such a big impact so quickly. She says: "I feel like a different woman to the person who walked into Slimming World just 21 weeks ago. I've realised that when people believe in you – and you believe in yourself – you can do anything you set your mind to. I really hope my weight loss can inspire other people to get started on their own journey and know that there's a whole group of people waiting to support them every step of the way – especially at our Saturday morning group at Ormskirk Rugby Club ."

Her Consultant Tina Whewell, says: "I'm so proud of Ellen. She's a fantastic ambassador for Slimming World and what she's achieved is nothing short of incredible! She's a huge inspiration to everyone in our Saturday morning group at Ormskirk Rugby Club and I hope she inspires other women – and men in West Lancs to change their lives in the same way."

En garde for fencing course

WEST Lancashire Fencing Club is running a beginners' course for people interested in trying out the sport.

Starting tonight (Wednesday, July 3) and running for five weeks will be run by a British Fencing Association qualified coach and will cover blade techniques, rules of the sport and how to fence safely.

The club, which is run by volunteers, says the sessions will be open to anyone over the age of 12 years and will be held during its weekly Wednesday meetings at Edge Hill University between 8 and 10pm.

For further details email secretary Stephen Hodges at Stephen.Hodges@westlancsfencing.co.uk or visit the club's website www.westlancsfencing.co.uk.

Motorists with 'hidden disabilities' can now apply for a Blue Badge

MOTORISTS with 'hidden disabilities' such as anxiety will now be able to apply for a Blue Badge.

New guidance issued by the Department for Transport shows more varied applications will be allowed in England.

Motoring editor for insurance group, Confused.com, Amanda Stretton, said: "The widening of the Blue Badge scheme is a step in the right direction to help motorists with unseen medical conditions, such as anxiety and dementia - but it will only work if the number of disabled spaces increases. Our research found there is already a lack of dedicated parking, with an average of 34 Blue Badge holders per council-owned parking space.

"Another issue is the misuse of these, leaving those in need without a place to park. We urge drivers to do the right thing and stick to standard parking spaces."

Young divers out to make a splash at national finals

YOUNG members of the Burscough Diving Club have been invited to represent the North West at the 2019 Swim England National Skills Finals on Saturday and Sunday, July 6 and 7.

The finals will be held at Plymouth Life Centre, previously home to GB Olympic diver Tom Daley, and hosted by Swim England South West Region.

The Burscough club, the only diving club in West Lancashire, is one of two that will represent the North West in the finals after finishing first in qualifying events in the region for the third year in succession.

The youngsters, aged between nine and 14, will complete a combination of land and pool training before taking part in the two-day event against clubs from across the UK.

Head coach, Carlos Ferra, said: "All the children are looking forward to the event and have been training hard to achieve their full potential and show what talent Burscough Diving Club has to offer."

For anyone interested in trying out diving, the club will be holding a learn-to-dive programme in the summer.

For further details visit www.bd4f.co.uk or Facebook page Burscough Diving Club.

Burscough Diving Club members pictured after their success in the national finals qualifying event (from left): Emma Oxton, Evie Grimmes, Sasha Roberts, Ruby Brown, Ryan Ferra and León Ferra.

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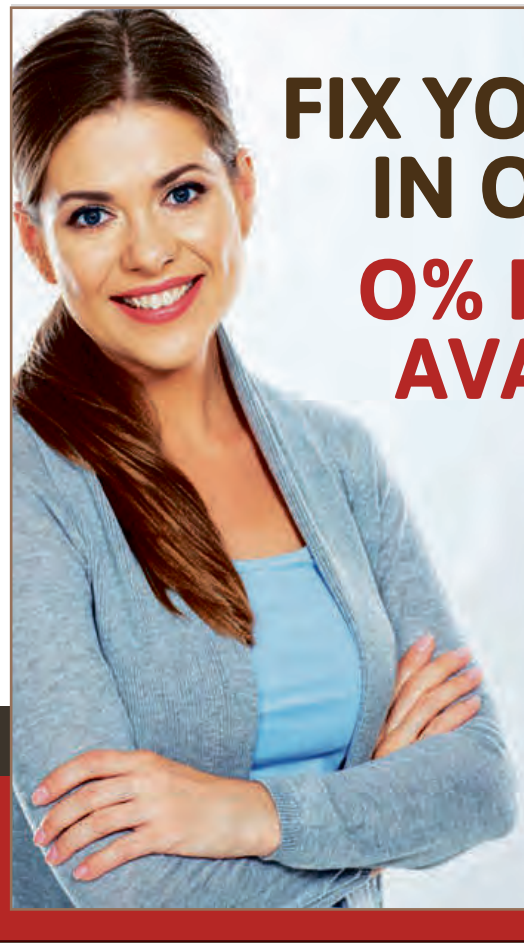

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Mum shapes up for a healthier future after shedding three stone in 21 weeks!

A MUM-of-two from Ormskirk is feeling healthier and happier after shedding an incredible three stones in just 21 weeks with the help and support of her local Slimming World group.

Ellen Rivas-Torrecillas has gone from a size 14 to a size 8 and is feeling "pretty amazing".

The 25-year-old said: "When I started out I never dreamt I'd be able to achieve all that I have. Losing the weight has made such a big difference - it's changed my life.

"My health is better, I have more energy and I'm much happier now. I definitely feel more comfortable in my own skin and it's a lovely feeling knowing I can fit into all my summer clothes with ease."

Ellen, who only re-joined the Slimming World group at Ormskirk Rugby Club in January after the birth of her baby daughter, added: "I had been before after the birth of my son a year earlier so I knew it worked but my family and friends are all amazed by how much I can eat and still lose weight".

After losing 4lbs in her first week she went on to lose a stone in six weeks and she was blown away that the changes she made had such a big impact so quickly.

Ellen before (left) and (right) after she lost the weight.

She said: "I feel like a different woman to the person who walked into Slimming World just 21 weeks ago. I've realised that when people believe in you – and you believe in yourself – you can do anything you set your mind to.

"I really hope my weight loss can inspire other people to get started on their own journey and know that there's a whole group of people waiting to support them every step of the way - especially at our Saturday morning group at the rugby club."

Her consultant, Tina Whewell, added: "Ellen is a fantastic ambassador for Slimming World and what she's achieved is nothing short of incredible. She's a huge inspiration to everyone in our Saturday morning group at Ormskirk Rugby Club and I hope she inspires other women - and men - in West Lancs to change their lives in the same way."

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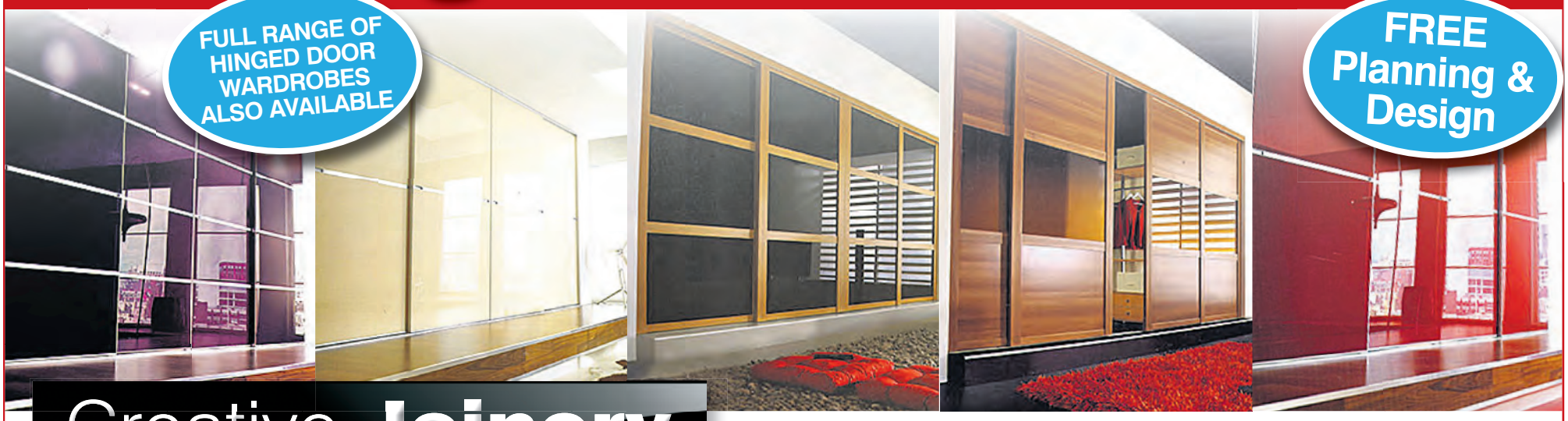

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Come Dancing favourite back for new show in 2020

STRICTLY Come Dancing favourite, Giovanni Pernice, is back with a new show for 2020.

Giovanni Pernice - This Is Me comes to Southport Theatre on Thursday, March 19 2020 where the showman is once more set to light up the stage, along with his cast of professional dancers, for his fourth year of touring.

A spokesman for the Southport Theatre said: "With the Italian's natural charm, combined with beautiful choreography perfectly complemented by a fabulous soundtrack, This Is Me pays homage to the music and dances that have inspired Giovanni's career, from a competition dancer to one of the biggest names on the hit BBC show...."

The Wedding Singer was 'magnificently performed'

A scene from The Wedding Singer. Picture by Ian Lawson

Review by **Ron Ellis**

The Wedding Singer
Southport Spotlights
Little Theatre Southport

AFTER their success earlier in the year with Funny Girl, Southport Spotlights delighted a packed house with a superb production of The Wedding Singer as the screams and applause from the audience testified.

An eleven piece orchestra, under the direction of Adam Dutch, provided a pulsating soundtrack to the music. Unlike the film, which used hits from the 80's, these songs were written especially for the show.

The flamboyantly-dressed dancers, arrayed in vibrant colours and choreographed by Jackie Morris, set the stage alight with their dexterity.

Chris Rimmer, usually seen as M.D. in the orchestra pit, played the part of wedding singer, Robbie Hart, and his singing and guitar playing fitted him perfectly for the role.

Robbie, having been jilted by fiancée, Linda (Lauren Millar), falls in love with Julia whom he meets at one of his wedding gigs, Natasha Proffitt making a stunning debut in her first leading role as Julia.

But Julia is engaged to rich playboy businessman, Glen Guglia, played with a sinister menace by John Delahunty.

Robbie's backing band consisted of Dom Tolley as Sammy, who gets together with Holly (Lauren King), and Rob McGregor, eerily reincarnated as Boy George for the occasion.

Nicky Williams gave an impressive gymnastic performance as Robbie's Grandma Rosie while Karen Parkinson was Julia's mother, Angie.

Two SDC stalwarts hovered in the background as impersonators, Peter Forshaw in the form of Darth Vader and Brendan Gillow masquerading as President Reagan.

The Wedding Singer is a show of almost continuous music alongside the action which moved together at a fast pace and it was a pleasure to watch a group of such talented young people put on a performance that would have graced any London stage.

Southport Spotlights next production is Sunset Boulevard from February 5 to February 8, 2020 at The Little Theatre, with the summer show, Priscilla, Queen of the Desert following on July 1 to July 4.

Star rating 9 out of 10. A dynamic modern musical magnificently performed.

Popular musical to visit city

THE popular musical Once is to embark on its first major UK tour from January 2020, making its Merseyside premiere at the Liverpool Empire from January 20 to January 25.

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Once embarks on its first major UK tour after acclaimed runs on Broadway and in the West End, and having won awards across the world including the Academy Award for Best Original Song, a Grammy for Best Musical Theatre Album, eight Tony Awards and an Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Music.

The cast will be led by Daniel Healy as Guy and Emma Lucia as Girl, who return to the roles after receiving critical and audience acclaim in the production's premiere last year at the New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich and Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch.

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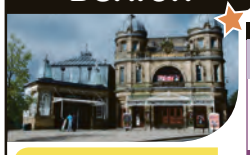

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Lorna and family would like to acknowledge the many cards, beautiful

sympathy and acts of kindness, shown to us following our sad loss. Special thanks to Rev Sarah for a beautiful service and to Lisa and Anabel at

funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MOSS ELIZABETH (LIZ)

Wendy would like to thank the many friends and neighbours who attended the service in remembrance of Elizabeth and for all the cards and messages of sympathy and support she has received following the sudden loss of her sister. These have been much appreciated and a comfort at this very sad time. She is also grateful for the donations received for the Alzheimers Society in memory of Elizabeth. This is an organization that she supported herself in memory of our mother. Thanks also to Sue Palmer for conducting the service and Michael Rushton for his advice and guidance in making the arrangements for the funeral.

To place a family **announcement** please call 01704 392392

PRIESTMAN LEONARD EDWARD

Passed away at home on 8th June 2019

Pat and all the Family would like to express heartfelt thanks for all the support, condolence cards and all who attended the funeral of Len.
A special thanks to Bruce Soden for his lovely service and tribute, Ward & Ann-Marie for their lovely eulogy and Poem and Jake for his reading during the service.
We would also like to give a heartfelt thank you to David Wilkinson Funeral Directors

approach to the funeral arrangements. Thank you all for your support during

Rest peacefully Len;
Husband,
Father, Grandfather
and Friend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JEPSON STEPHEN (STEE)

Lynne and the family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the many messages of sympathy, cards, support and donations for the British Heart Foundation received during their recent sudden and very sad loss of a much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. Special thanks to the Ambulance Service for their kindness and professional care, and to Sally Hunter and Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors, for their amazing support and guidance throughout.

MCLEAN JACKIE

Paul, Luke and Joan would sincerely like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for all their kindness, support, sympathy mass cards, sympathy cards

arrangements.

Also to Father Barry at St Elizabeth's Church and for the wonderful church turnout of family and friends.

Our beautiful Jackie will be loved and missed so much by all heart heartbroken family.
God bless you all.

ANDERTON PATRICIA ANNE (ANNE)

Derek and Family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for Cancer Research received during their recent sad loss of a much loved Wife, Mum and Nan. Thanks also to Father Daley for his kind words and prayers and to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors

funeral arrangements.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRAHAM NORMAN

Hilary, Ian and Paul would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for The British Heart Foundation received during their recent sad loss of a much loved Husband, Dad and Grandfather. Thanks also to Sandra Howles for her kind words of comfort and April Hunter at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for

arrangements.

HULM STEPHEN (STEVE)

Sue, David and all the family of the late Steve Hulm would like to thank all who attended Steve's funeral. A special thanks to Niki and Ali, Ken Howles for the Lovely service and

David Wilkinson Funeral Directors for

of arrangements we say a heartfelt thank you. For the many cards and messages of support and charity donations to the British Lung Foundation, in Steve's memory, we are extremely grateful.

DEATHS

MCCORMICK REBECCA

20th June 2019
Aged 90 years

Dear loving Mum to Kevin, Bernard, Marilyn, Geraldine and Sharon. Loving Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Funeral service at St Richards Church, Skelmersdale on Thursday 4th July at 9am. Followed by cremation in St Helens Crematorium. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services. Tel 01695 731199

MCGUINNESS TERENCE JOHN

26th June 2019
Passed away peacefully after a short illness
Aged 72 years

Dear Husband of Diane. Much loved Dad and Grandad. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough on Tuesday 9th July at 12.15pm. Family

donations to Christies Hospital Manchester. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel 01695 731199

DEATHS

REILLY LILLIAN

15TH June 2019

Aged 91 years

Died peacefully. Devoted Wife of the late Allen, much loved Mum of Janet and the late Irene. Cherished Nana of Catherine, Harry and Ellie. Lillian will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 8th July at 10:00am. Family

but if desired donations are being collected for Alzheimer's Society. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

JAMES FRANCIS PATRICK 'FRANK'

25th June 2019
Passed Away at Aintree University Hospital
Aged 94 Years

Beloved Husband to Norma and Dearest Dad to Yvonne. He will be very sadly missed by all his Family and Friends. A Celebration of Frank's life to which you are invited to wear colourful clothing is to be held at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 12th July 2019 at 2:00pm. F

please, donations if desired in memory of Frank will be gratefully received for the British Heart Foundation. For all enquiries please contact Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB 0151 520 3330

ASHCROFT PETER (ASHY)

25th June 2019
Peacefully at his home in Skelmersdale aged 71 years

A loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 5th July 2019 at 10:45am. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

THOMAS RENE

Passed away peacefully on 27th June 2019 in hospital, aged 88 years of Aughton.

She will be sadly missed by all the family. Bright colours are to be worn please. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 12th July 2019 at 12:15pm. Family Flowers only please but donations if so desired to North West Cancer Research. Donations and further enquires please to Sally Hunter, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancs, L39 5DZ. Tele| 01695 424888.

DEATHS

GALLAGHER IRENE

22nd June 2019
Peacefully at home aged 83 years

Loving Wife of the late Frank, devoted Mum of Stephen, Paul and Julie, cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Friday 5th July at 3.30pm. F

please by request, donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. No black to be worn. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

LISTER MALCOLM WILLIAM

Passed away in hospital on 24th June 2019.
Devoted and much loved Husband to Ruth, Dad to Stuart, James & Laura and Grandad to Amelia, Rory and Michael.

Malcolm will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Funeral service to be held at St. John's Church, 708 Liverpool Road, Ainsdale on Tuesday 9th July at 11.30am followed by Interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. The family warmly invite anyone to share fond memories of Malcolm afterwards at Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club.

Floral tributes welcome in fond memory

Further Enquiries to Claire Newland Independent Funeral Director 52 Gregory Lane, Halsall, Lancashire. L39 8SR. Telephone 01704 841935

DEATHS

SWEENEY LYN

Will be sadly missed by all her DYNAMO football family. Lovely lady. Deepest sympathy to all her Children and Grandchildren.

Goodnight Godbless

THOMAS COLIN EDWIN

25th June 2019

Aged 83 years

Died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Loving Husband of Sheila, much loved Dad of Alun, Linda and Steven. Cherished Grandad of Rachel and Emma. Colin will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at St John's Parish Church, Ainsdale on Monday 15th July at 11:00am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. F

only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

HIRST ETHEL MURIEL SELWYN

Suddenly in hospital, aged 100 years.

Much loved Mother of Stephen and Mother-In-Law of Anne. Dear Grandmother of Sally and John. Muriel will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 12 noon. F

request please but if so desired donations can be made to a charity of choosing. Further enquiries to: H Porter Funeral Directors, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ. Tel 01704 212714

DEATHS

MADDISON JOAN

passed away 28th June

Much loved Sister of Freda, Bill and Colin, loving Sister-In-Law of Sylvia, Ron and Alice.

Rest In Peace

MULHOLLAND MARY

25th June 2019

Aged 96 years

Peacefully at St Joseph's Home, Manchester, after a short illness

Dearly loved Wife of her late Husband Peter, loving Mother of Kevin and loving Mother-in-law of Helen and Shelagh. Devoted and loving Nan of Charlotte Alice. *(Forever in our thoughts)* Requiem Mass at St William of York Chuch, Thornton on Tuesday 9th July at 12.30pm, followed by Interment in Thornton Garden of Rest. F

only please, donations if desired to Little Sisters of the Poor c/o H. Leslie Humphreys Funeral Directors 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SE. Tel 0151 9244805

BRADSHAW JEAN

Of Lydiate

Aged 89, passed away 18th June 2019.

A much loved Mum and Grandmother and Sister, Jean will be sadly missed by all her family as well as friends and all who knew her.

Funeral service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Wednesday 10th July at 1pm.

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please however donations are being collected in fond memory of Jean for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Further Enquiries to Claire Newland Independent Funeral Director 52 Gregory Lane, Halsall, Lancashire. L39 8SR 01704 841935

DEATHS

BUSHELL TED

20th June 2019
After a short illness peacefully in hospital aged 94 years.

Dearly beloved Husband of the Late Tess. Much loved Dad of Ann, Margaret and Peter. Dear Father-in-law of Sandra and Dave. Loving Grandad to all his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Ted will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 2.00pm.

Further enquiries please to Co-operative Funeralcare, 254 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 4PD.

Tel: 01704 550011

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LEE IRENE

(Nee Ashcroft)

The family would like to thank all the people who came to pay their last respects to Irene on the 24th June 2019. Irene would have been delighted. Also for the lovely cards and words of sympathy. We are grateful for the donations given in the name of Irene, to Arthritis Research. A big thank-you goes to those who have been involved over the last few months; Ormskirk Hospital Crisis Team, Stocks Hall Domiciliary, Paramedics, Southport Obs & 9B Wards for all their wonderful care and input of Irene. Thanks also to Sally and the Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for looking after Irene; ensuring she had a lovely send off and the support given to the family. Lastly Louise Martin and Team at the Aughton Institute for the wonderful food served later that day.

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2nd July 2018

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

NORMA PHILLIPS

Birthday

02/07/35

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the T Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the T

Licensing Act 2003
Notice of application for the grant of a premises licence.

We The Buffs Community Club of 364 Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale, WN8 9AL, have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council for a new premises licence the following has been applied for: Opening Hours:
09:00-01:00 (Mon- Thurs, Sun)
09:00-02:00 (Fri & Sat).
The application may be inspected at the West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can also be obtained from the Council's website at http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing.
Any "Interested Party" may make representations in writing to the Council regarding the application before the 24th July 2019.
It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, and on summary conviction a person is

Licensing Act 2003
Notice of application for Variation of premises licence

I David Vella of The Coach House, 144 Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 8BX have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council to vary the premise licence to update the plan with the addition of outside bar and seating area.

The application may be inspected at West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can be also obtained from the Councils website

Any 'interested Party' may make representations in writing to the Council regarding the application before the 24th July 2019 It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and on summary conviction anyone doing so is

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U1027 CUT LANE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U1027 Cut Lane, Aughton from U960 Narrow Lane, Halsall to C107 Asmall Lane, Halsall.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 22nd July 2019 until 1700 hours on Friday 26th July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. Closure will be in place for the full duration of the works.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U960 Narrow Lane, Halsall - C115 Narrow Lane, Halsall - C106 Asmall Lane, Halsall - C107 Asmall Lane, Halsall and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the excavation of a culvert to remove blockages to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/18087/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5241 JUNCTION LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough from X3655 Lathom Close, Burscough to U381 Gower Gardens, Burscough.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 8th July 2019 until 1700 hours on Friday 12th July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough - A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough - A5209 - Square Lane, Burscough - B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow deep excavation works to repair and install new highway channel drainage across the car park entrance of Burscough Junction railway station to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780
[Ref: HRiT/18340/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0595/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 of planning permission 2018/1260/FUL to vary the approved plans at Ramsay Timber And Building Supplies, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0604/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2016/0143/FUL to vary the approved plans at 53 Granville Park, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 3rd July 2019
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT1051

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PLEX MOSS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Plex Moss Lane, Halsall from number 4 to Plex Moss Cottage, Plex Moss Lane, Halsall.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Wednesday 17th July 2019 until 1800 hours on Wednesday 31st July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. Road closure will be continuous.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Plex Moss Lane, West Lancashire Borough - Mill Brow, West Lancashire Borough - Carr Moss Lane, West Lancashire Borough - Segar's Lane, West Lancashire Borough (continuing over the border into Sefton Borough) - Liverpool Avenue, Sefton Borough - Liverpool Road, Sefton Borough - Moor Lane, Sefton Borough (continuing over the border into West Lancashire Borough) - Plex Moss Lane, West Lancashire Borough

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow installation of a new water main works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/17349/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(OWEN'S LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Owen's Lane, Downholland from Pye Hill Cottage, Owen's Lane to Poplar Farm, Owen's Lane. Exemption to this is permitted for the contractors carrying out the works.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Friday 5th July 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 19th July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Back Lane - New Lane - Old Lane - Black-A-Moor Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow installation of new water main works to be carried out by Mott MacDonald Bentley Limited.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/17350/EW]

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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COUNTY ROAD, HIGH LANE AND HOLBORN HILL, ORMSKIRK, LIVERPOOL ROAD AND NORTHWAY, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (REVOCATIONS, 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AND DERESTRICTION) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 26 June 2019 Lancashire County Council made the above Speed Limit Order under Sections 82(2), 83(2) and 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke the 'Statutory Instruments 1961 No. 896 Road Traffic, The Trunk Road (Ormskirk and Aughton) (40 M.P.H. Speed Limit) Order, 1961' in full.
2. Revoke the 'Statutory Instruments 1994 No. 1401 Road Traffic, The 1570 Trunk Road (Southport Road, Ormskirk) (40 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Order 1994' in full.
3. Revoke the 'Lancashire County Council (Various Roads Including A570 and A577, Burscough, Blaguegate, Ormskirk, Skelmersdale and Westhead, West Lancashire) (Revocation, Restricted Road, De-Restriction, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limits) Order 2015', insofar as it relates to item d) of Schedule 1.
4. Revoke the 'Lancashire County Council (Bescar Brow Lane, Hall Road, Dam Wood Lane and Southport Road, Scarisbrick And Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Part Revocation, 30, 40 and 50 MPH Speed Limit Order 2012', insofar as it relates to item c) of Schedule 2.
5. Introduce a 40mph speed limit in the following lengths of road:
a. County Road, Ormskirk, from its junction with Holborn Hill including the roundabout to a point 200 metres south-west of its junction with the centre line of Halsall Lane;
b. Holborn Hill, Ormskirk, from its junction with Liverpool Road to its junction with County Road;
c. Liverpool Road, Aughton, from its junction with Northway to its junction with Holborn Hill;
d. Northway, Aughton, from its junction with Liverpool Road to a point 47 metres south-west its junction with the centre line of Turnpike Road;
6. High Lane, Ormskirk, from a point 473 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Burscough Road to a point 95 metres south of its junction with the centre line of Liverpool Road South roundabout, shall cease to be a restricted road for the purposes of section 81 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

This Order will come into force on the 05 July 2019. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Councils Website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx, quoting ref: LSG6/894.8326/AFR

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
03 July 2019

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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, CHORLEY, FYLDE, HYNDBURN, LANCASTER, SOUTH RIBBLE, WEST LANCS AND WYRE) (REVOCATION, 20MPH, 30MPH, AND 40MPH SPEED LIMIT (SEPTEMBER 2018 (NO1)) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 26 June 2019 Lancashire County Council made the above Speed Limit Order under Section 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke the following:
a) "Lancashire County Council (Woodnook Area, Accrington (Various Roads) Hyndburn Borough) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2014" insofar as it relates to the following items:
i. Blackburn Road, from its junction with Dutton Street to its junction with Church Street approximately for a distance of 50 metres;
ii. St James' Street, from its junction with Paradise Street for 165 metres in a North easterly direction;
iii. Crawshaw Street, the full length;
iv. Edgar Street, the full length;
v. School Street, the full length;
vi. Rear 25-41 Union Street, the full length.
b) The "The Lancashire County Council (A583 Kirkham Bypass And Various Roads, Westby With Plumptons And Ribby With Wrea, Fylde Borough) (Revocation, 50mph And 40mph Speed Limits And Restricted Road) Order, 1997" insofar as it relates to Schedule 2, this will have the effect of reverting the road to restricted road status;
c) The "Lancashire County Council (Fleetwood East Area, Fleetwood (Various Roads), Wyre Borough) (20mph And 30mph Speed Limit) Order 2014" insofar as it relates to Article 1;
d) The "Lancashire County Council (Speed Limit Management) (Lydiate Lane, Farington, Chorley Borough And South Ribble Borough Areas) (50 Mph Speed Limit) Order 2010" in full;
e) The "Lancashire County Council (Wigan Road (A49) Dawson Lane (B5248) And Heald House Road, Euxton, Leyland And Clayton-Le-Woods, Chorley And South Ribble Boroughs) (40 And 50 Mph Speed Limit) Order 2008" insofar as it relates to Item 2. of Article 2;
f) The "Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Wrightington Banks, Simonswood And Aughton, West Lancashire Borough) (Revocation And 40mph Speed Limit) Order 2015" insofar as it relates to Items 7) and 8) of Schedule 2;
g) The "The Borough Council Of Fleetwood (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (No. 1) Order 1969" in full;
h) The "The County Council Of Lancashire (Restricted Roads) (No.3) Order 1977" in full;
i) The "The Borough Of Wyre (Fleetwood Road North, Thornton Cleveleys) (40 Mph Speed Limit) Order, 1982" in full.
2. Introduce a 20mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:
a) Edgar Street, Accrington, from its junction with Blackburn Road for a distance of 68 metres in a northerly direction including the easterly turning head and service area;
b) Blackburn Road, Accrington, from its junction with Church Street/Peel Street to its junction with St James Street/Broadway;
c) St James' Street, Accrington, from its junction with Paradise Street to its junction with Blackburn Road/Broadway;
d) Barnfield Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
e) Blackthorn Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
f) Bluebell Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
g) Borage Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
h) Bryony Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
i) Calendine Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
j) Campion Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
k) Chaffinch Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
l) Curlew Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
m) Dunlin Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
n) Eider Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
o) Elderberry Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
p) Fieldfare Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
q) Heron Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
r) Kestrel Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
s) Mallard Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
t) Myrtle Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
u) Pheasant Wood Drive, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
v) Plover Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
w) Redwing Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
x) Snipe Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
y) Sorrell Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
z) Speedwell Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
aa) Swallow Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
bb) Thistle Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
cc) Trefoil Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
dd) Whitebeam Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ee) Whitecrest Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ff) Woodcock Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
gg) Woodruff Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
hh) Breeze Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ii) Keeper's Hey, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
jj) Kildare Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
kk) Mayfield Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ll) Parkside View, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
mm) Partridge Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
nn) Pickmere Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
oo) Poachers Way, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
pp) Shore Green, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
qq) Teal Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
rr) The Chase, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ss) The Covert, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
tt) The Maltings, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
uu) Tower Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
vv) Whimbrel Drive, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ww) Widgeon Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
xx) Cookson Road, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
yy) Fairclough Road, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
zz) Mildred Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
aaa) Reta Drive, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
bbb) Taywood Road, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ccc) Fairholmes Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ddd) Fairholmes Way, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
eee) Dovedale Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
fff) Grizedale Court, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ggg) Lowesway, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
hhh) Patterdale Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
iii) Wharfedale Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
jjj) Aston Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
kkk) Avonside Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
lll) Bardsway, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
mmm) Benenden Place, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
nnn) Bennett Road, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ooo) Bramble Court, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ppp) Branksome Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
qqq) Browning Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
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sss) Byron Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ttt) Calder Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
uuu) Chaucer Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
vvv) Chethams Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
www) Chichester Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
xxx) Church Road, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
yyy) Coleridge Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
zzz) Conder Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
aaaa) Eversleigh Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
bbbb) Exeter Drive, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
cccc) Gaskell Crescent, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
dddd) Gordonstoun Place, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
eeee) Greenmount Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ffff) Hazelwood Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
gggg) Holmes Road, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
hhhh) Keats Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
iiii) Keele Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
jjjj) Kingsley Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
kkkk) Linden Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
llll) Marsh Road, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
mmmm) Masefield Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
nnnn) Meadows Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
oooo) Milton Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
pppp) Pennyfarthing Lane, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
qqqq) Roedean Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
rrrr) Roehampton Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ssss) Ruskin Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
tttt) Shrewsbury Drive, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
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vvvv) Tennyson Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
wwww) The Lilacs, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
xxxx) The Meadows, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
yyyy) Thornleigh Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
zzzz) Trinity Gardens, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
aaaaa) Waring Drive, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
bbbbb) Wells Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ccccc) Wordsworth Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
ddddd) Mill View, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length;
eeeee) Fantail Close, Thornton Cleveleys, the entire length.
3. Introduce a 30mph speed limit on Lucas Lane East, Whittle-Le-Woods, from its junction with Dunham Drive/Royston Drive for a distance of 265 metres in a north easterly direction.
4. Introduce a 40mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:
a) A49, Wigan Road, Clayton-Le-Woods, from a point 300 metres north of its junction with the centreline of Moss Lane, in a northerly direction to its junction with the centreline of Lydiate Lane;
b) A49, Wigan Road, Cuerden, from its junction with the centreline of Lydiate Lane, in a northerly direction to a point 50 metres north of the centreline of Nell Lane;
c) Lydiate Lane (A5083), Cuerden, from its junction with Wigan Road (A49) for a distance of 325 metres in a westerly direction;
d) Lydiate Lane (A5083), Farington, from a point 325 metres west of its junction with Wigan Road (A49) for a distance of 341 metres in a north westerly direction;
e) Sineacre Lane, Bickerstaffe, from its junction with Stopgate Lane to a point 150 metres south of its junction with Moss Lane;
f) Stopgate Lane, Simonswood, the entire Length;
g) Fleetwood Road (C384), Fleetwood, from a point 185 metres south of its junction with Brook Street, in a south easterly direction to its junction with the A585 Amounderness Way, Fleetwood;
h) Fleetwood Road North (B5268), Fleetwood, from its junction with the A585 Amounderness Way, Fleetwood, in a south easterly direction to its junction with Fleetwood Road North B5268), Thornton Cleveleys (centreline of Rossall Lane (U21859);
i) Fleetwood Road North (B5268), Thornton Cleveleys, from its junction with Fleetwood Road North (B5268) (centreline of Rossall Lane (U21859), Fleetwood in a general southerly direction to a point 178 metres north of its junction with Bourne Road;
j) Whams Lane, Ellel, the entire length.

This Order will come into force on the 05 July 2019. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Chorley Borough Council, Town Hall, Chorley, PR7 1DP, and at the offices of Fylde Borough Council, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1LW, and at the offices of Hyndburn Borough Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, BB5 0PF, and at the offices of Lancaster City Council, Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ, and at the offices of South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH, and at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU, and at the offices of The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Councils Website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx, quoting ref: LSG4/894.9357/AFR

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C166 MILL LANE, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge from the Mill Lane Railway Bridge WBS3/24 for 10m either side.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours until 1500 hours on Sunday 21st July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. No access will be maintained for the duration of the closure.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge - C162 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - B5375 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge - Over the boundary into Wigan - B5375 Miles Lane - C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge - Over the boundary into Lancashire - C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow a safety examination of the bridge structure to be carried out by Network Rail CEFA under a road closure provided by Centurion Site Services.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
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[Ref: HRiT/18069/EW]

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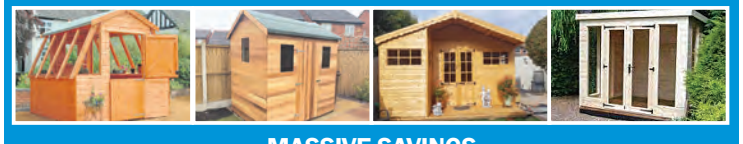

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*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 SE NAV CRDi 5 DR 16 REG** 28,000 miles in moon rock metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£13,150**

*** VW TIGUAN 2.0 MATCH TDi DSG AUTO BLUEMOTION 4MOTION 15 REG** 30,000 miles in platinum metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist, climate, alloys - FSH & 12 months MOT.....**£12,495**

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FORD FIESTA 1.0 ZETEC TURBO 5 DR 15 REG 35,000 miles in race red, alloys, Bluetooth – FSH & £0 road tax, Feb MOT.....**£6,850**

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The Ford Fiesta might not be especially radical - but it's still the nation's favourite new car

Ford Fiesta may not be futuristic - but it still stands the test of time!

THE future can hang on a minute.

I know that we're supposed to boldly sail – on a solar-powered catamaran, presumably – into a brave new world of lab-grown, meat-free burgers delivered by drones, but right now there's still a McDonalds on every busy road and a JD Wetherspoon in virtually every town centre.

Your whole life can be conducted on Android and yet sales of vinyl records are up year-on-year. Perhaps most pertinently, for all the talk that electric cars and automation are the future, last time I looked the decidedly analogue Ford Fiesta was still Britain's best-selling new car.

At the moment all the muttering is about how the humble supermini is about to embrace zero-emissions motoring.

Renault's Zoe has been chipping away at this bit of the market for a while (don't worry, the Clio's still very much available), but Vauxhall is being brave and launching its Corsa in all-electric form first, and it's a similar story for Peugeot's latest 208.

But while there is a plug-in hybrid Fiesta on the way the current range depends on a blend of rather more familiar petrol and turbodiesel engines, and it feels all the better for it.

It's as bit like Liam Gallagher – yes, it's the same old act, and yet only last weekend it was good enough to play Glastonbury.

I know because last weekend I spent 700 miles thumping up and down the British road network in a Zetec-spec EcoBoost – and, with the exception of three very minor moans, couldn't knock it.

With the current Fiesta, introduced 18 months ago, it feels like you sit *on* the seats rather than *in* them, it still lacks mid-range thump in one-litre form, and on the motorway the ride's a bit more fidgety than I'd ideally like, but that's about it.

In other respect Ford's taken what it had with the 2009-era Fiesta, revisited absolutely everything, and quietly made it better rather than reinventing the wheel.

So while the turbocharged three cylinder engine still revels in a few revs to get results, it managed to average a fairly hefty fifty to the gallon – and I wasn't on any sort of eco run.

On the motorways it was long-legged enough to make light work of a voyage to Scotland and back – and when it wasn't it could still entertain me on the B-roads, offering just enough feedback through its chunky, three-spoke steering wheel.

Even the little things won me over; plenty of superminis integrate their stereo systems into a touchscreen system these days but the Fiesta gives you old-fashioned buttons beneath it as well, so you could flick between Joy Division and The Cure without losing the sat nav.

I suspect the reason the Ford Fiesta, even when every other new car is a crossover, electric car or plug-in hybrid, is still Britain's biggest seller is because it's ruddy good at what it does.

The Suzuki Swift might match it when comes to generating grins, VW's Polo has a more premium feel and the Fiat 500 is a lot more charming, but it's tricky to think of a better all-rounder.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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AUDI has given its Q7 off-roader a new look as part of its substantial update.

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There's no word on the exact UK prices or specifications yet but it'll be available to order from September, with the first cars arriving here a month later.

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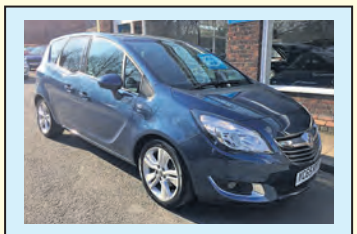

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Matthew Wright on his way to a century.

Superb century from Wright helps Skem earn cup final place

MATTHEW Wright hit a century to help Skelmersdale earn a place in the Pochin Cup final.

Skem skipper Joe Till won the toss on what looked like a fantastic day for batting but was adjudged LBW for a quick-fire 29.

Wright capitalised on the good start made by the openers and his three fours of the highest pedigree as he and Marston passed their 50 partnership.

Boundaries came at a premium as the two continued to dominate the Haydock attack.

Their half centuries came within an over but both knew their job was not yet finished.

Looking to attack, Marston look to steer a ball to the leg side but held out to mid-wicket.

Wright continued with Barry Leadbetter and Chris Tromp and brought up his 100 in magnificent style.

It was an innings of brilliance, sensible yet destructive.

He stood unbeaten on 123 after the 40 overs, as Skelmersdale ended on a commanding score of 262-4.

Skelmersdale were confident on defending their total and in the sixth over they claimed their first wicket, Wright taking a good caught and bowled chance.

Unable to stay out of the game, Wright went on to take the next two Haydock scalps.

Stubborn resistance from their middle order formed a semi-recovery but Luke Manley was on hand, taking three wickets in four balls, his third, a tremendous ball that he sent down the Piccadilly line, to which the batsman played down Bakerloo.

It brought Skem close to victory and Marston wrapped up proceedings by taking the last three wickets and Skem deservedly claimed a spot in the final.

On Saturday, the 1st XI travelled to Mossley Hill looking to maintain their good run of results.

After a poor start by the openers, Chris Tromp and Harry Marston showed some resistance until they were both out. Apart from Luke Manley's two boundaries, Skem were struggling on 97-9. Thankfully a tenth-wicket stand of 45 between Matt Fenney and Andy Donnelly helped Skem to a defendable total of 142.

Luke Manley and Jonas Smith were on had as usual to tear through Mossley Hill's top order reducing them to 35-3. On this bowler-friendly pitch, however, it was a good start for the batting side and Skem knew they needed quick wickets.

Thankfully Mike Houghton was on hand, taking a wicket from his first ball.

What proceeded was a dangerous spell, essentially too quick for the middle order.

He finished with excellent figures of 9.4-2-26-5 helping Skem to another well-earned victory.

Hartley is on form again as Ormkirk edge home at Leigh

ORMSKIRK came out on top in a low scoring three wicket win at Leigh on Saturday, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

The hosts chose to bat and were quickly rolled over for just 85, with spinner Tom Hartley putting in another good performance claiming 4-18.

Ormskirk had a poor day with the bat themselves but eventually wrapped up victory on 86-7 with Tyler McGladdery top scoring with 21, whilst Ryan Housley took 3-30.

Bootle remain top of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division table after a seven wicket win at Formby, the hosts elected to bat and were dismissed for 103 with only Tatenda Taibu 34 and Ben Aitchison 22 offering much resistance against a bowling attack led by in form Will Purser who helped himself to 7-48 off 17.1 overs.

In reply, opener Mike Farrell hit and unbeaten 30* and Danny Davies blasted an undefeated half century (50*) to help wrap up victory on 104-3.

Third placed Northern were made to fight for their three wicket home win against Southport & Birkdale, the visitors chose to bat and nobody apart from opener Brad Yates 45 offered much with the willow, as Tom Sephton 4-31 and Danny Houghton 4-57 combined to bowl S&B out for 128.

Tom Hartley.

In reply, Liam Grey 26 and skipper James Cole 24* top scored as the hosts reached 129-7 to seal victory, with Gary Keedy taking 3-24.

Burscough hold leaders to a well earned draw

IN the Second Division, third placed Burscough held top of the table Liverpool to a draw at School Lane.

Burscough chose to bat and thanks to opener Ryan Hughes 56, Josh Murray 39, Alan Murray 35* and Navdeep Aujla 26 were able to declare on 204-7, with Daniel Clubbe taking 3-49 and Nathan Pickering 3-69.

In Liverpool's reply, Daniel Kelly top scored with 48 as the leaders finished on 171-7, with Chris Andrews taking 3-41.

Southport Trinity moved to fifth in the table after a six wicket home win against St Helens Town, the visitors elected to bat and thanks to 88 from Craig Woods were able to declare on 178-8, with spinner Akshay Sreenivasan taking 4-40.

In reply, Bobby Eyes 19 and Wim Van Der Walt 40 laid the platform for Jonny Hine to blast an unbeaten 69* and take Trinity to victory on 179-4.

Maghull suffered an 86 run home defeat by second placed Caldy. The visitors chose to bat and an unbeaten 134* from M Amarasinghe allowed them declare after 49 overs on 255-6, with the returning Ryan Swiers taking 3-52.

In reply, skipper Paul Walters 53, Declan Devine 35, Anthony Malloy 26* and Joe Medew-Ewen 23 all made contributions but the huge target proved too much for Maghull as they were dismissed for 169, with Chris Edwards taking 3-65.

Hightown St Mary's sit a place above the relegation zone after a 116 run defeat at Spring View, where the hosts elected to bat and put 164 up on the board, thanks in the main to Ryan Ouwekerk who top scored with 43, whilst Matty Laybourne 4-42 and Jayden Schadendorf 3-46 both shone with the ball.

In reply, only Arslan Dar 15 and Jack Pinnington 12* were able to reach double figures as the visitors were blown away for just 48, with South African Kevin Crowie taking 6-28 and Marc Birch 3-11.

THIS weekend's local LDCC fixtures (1pm start): Bootle v Lytham, New Brighton v Northern, Ormskirk v Formby, Southport & Birkdale v Wallasey, Ainsdale v Rainford, Northop Hall v Fleetwood Hesketh, Hightown St Mary's v Norley Hall, Parkfield Liscard v Burscough, St Helens Town v Maghull and Sutton v Southport Trinity.

Terry Cummings in action for Buscough. Picture by Marc Taylor.

Linnets star Cummings signs for Clitheroe

BURSCOUGH winger Terry Cummings has signed for Evo-Stik League side Clitheroe, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The Preston-based right-winger, who is 21-years-old, has built his game up over the two seasons he has spent at Victoria Park and was being watched by a number of scouts.

Clitheroe have won the race to sign him and it could be said that they have a very promising player on their hands. Although it will leave a gap in the Linnets line-up it does show that young players are getting a chance to improve their game at the club.

Meanwhile, Burscough have set their stall out for the new season by bringing in an experienced coach to work alongside manager Dave Sutton. Graeme Atkinson has taken on the coaching duties as the Linnets prepare their squad for the challenge that next season will bring.

Graeme Atkinson presently works with the youngsters at Preston North End but he has a whole wealth of experience within the game.

The 47 year old has made 324 Football League appearances mainly in midfield, starting out with Hull City, then Preston, Brighton and Rochdale, later appearing for Southport, Tamworth and Spennymoor.

Graeme has also brought with him a fitness coach, Dave Baron, who is involved in academy set up at Myerscough College.

Dave Sutton said: "They are preparing the team for the new season and although they are not yet officially with the club their assistance is valuable. I think it is great that someone of his calibre has joined us and it shows that there is still interest in the club."

Burscough's pre-season programme kicks off on Saturday, July 13 when they travel to play West Lancs League Coppull United, kick off 3pm.

Skelmersdale United supporters will find a change of opponents when they go the JMO Sports Park on Saturday, they were expecting to play against a Wigan Athletic side but now they will play Bacup Borough, kick off 3pm.

Skem's next game after the Bacup match is against Warrington Town on Tuesday, July 16, kick off 8pm.

Both clubs still have season tickets for sale.

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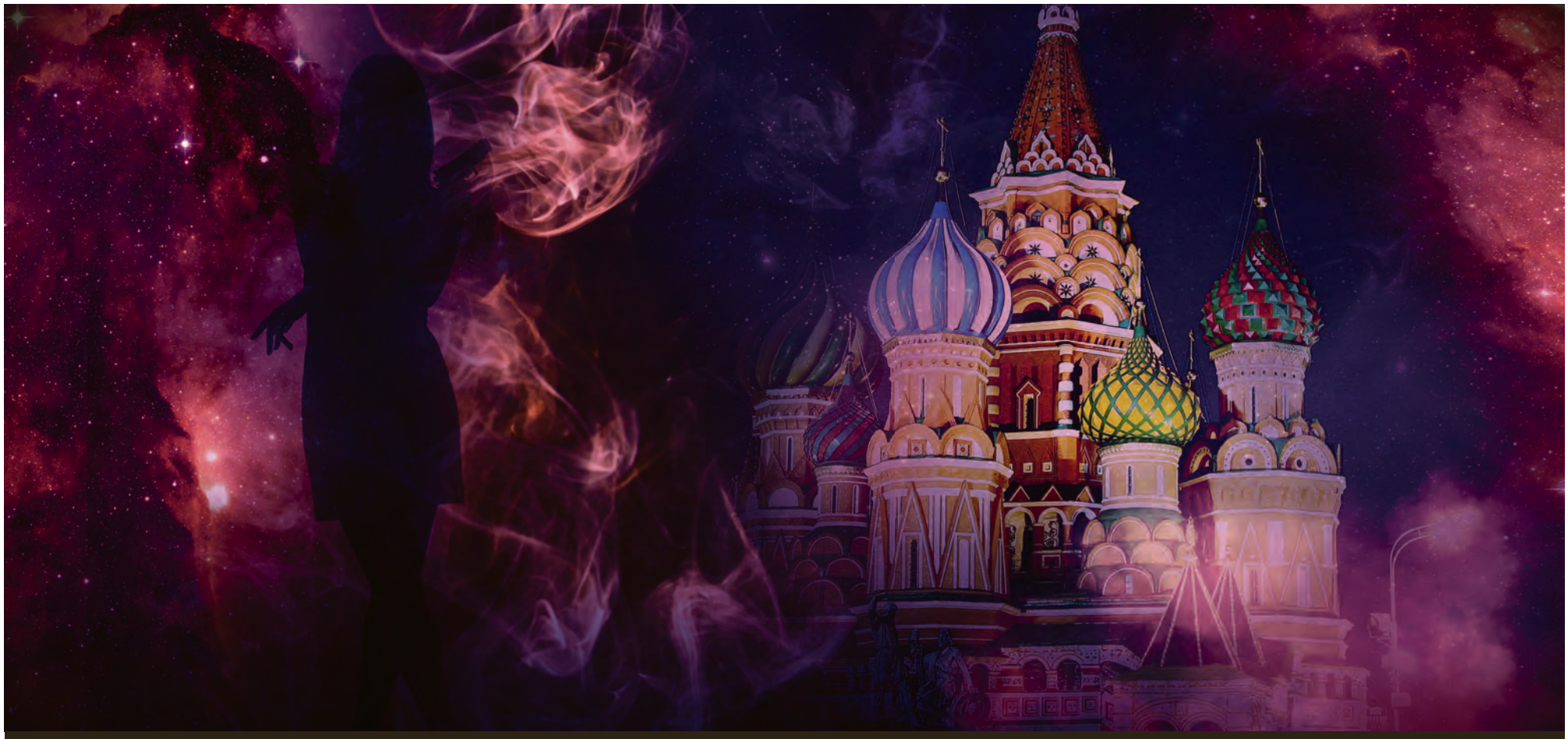

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